

## John Soane Museum & British Museum

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 12 Classics and Latin students embarked on a journey to central London to visit the John Soane Museum and the British Museum in order to explore some excellent ancient sources that we study in lessons.

The John Soane Museum housed an astonishing array of intricate pottery, sculptures, and artwork from ancient Greece and Rome that the late architect Sir John Soane collected over decades – including a room filled with layers upon layers of elaborate paintings and portraiture that lined each surrounding wall! The astounding collection of antique artistry was accompanied with an engaging tour from the museum's Classics specialist that covered the rich history of John Soane as he travelled across the world, gathering relics and sketching ancient architecture that inspired him.

Following a sunny lunch break, we were able to receive a tour of parts of the British Museum by our very own Miss Foster! Focused on 'Desire, Love and Identity in the Ancient World', this LGBTQ+ tour showcased some truly beautiful art pieces that illustrated the ancient views on love and its importance – the detailed busts of Roman emperor Hadrian and his lover Antinous, as well as the small but fascinating figure of the Ain Sakhri Lovers were particularly impactful displays and it was wonderful to see how people of the ancient world wanted to immortalise their experiences of love throughout generations to come.

The overall delightful day out made for an educational and engaging experience that brilliantly consolidated our classical learning – thank you to our amazing Classics department for organising such an enjoyable trip!

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