

# Classics Transition Work

## Year 11 to Year 12

### World of the Hero

- Buy a copy of the Iliad by Homer (ideally, Penguin Classics edition translated by E.V.Rieu). You can also access a free translation online, but you will be expected to purchase a copy of the text in September.
- Read Book 1. Summarise the plot.
- Consider how Achilles and Agamemnon are presented in this Book. Do they seem heroic to you?

### Greek Theatre

- You will need to purchase copies of The Bacchae by Euripides (red Cambridge Translations version), Frogs by Aristophanes (red Cambridge Translations version) and 'The Three Theban Plays' by Sophocles (Penguin Classics version).
- Read the introduction to Bacchae and look at the family tree. How are the two main characters, Dionysus and Pentheus, related?
- Read the opening monologue by Dionysus. Why do you think Euripides starts his plays with monologues in this way – what purposes does it serve?
- How is Dionysus presented in this opening monologue? How does this compare to what you already knew about Dionysus.