

Upper 3 Latin lunch - cena optima



Our Upper 3 pupils have been studying life in Pompeii as part of the Latin course since September. So far, this has been looking at daily life in a typical Roman house, which included the various rooms and how guests might be entertained. A big part of this was a dinner party (*cena*), facilitated by the cook (*coquus*) of the house. He operated out of his kitchen (*culina*) and could deliver a spectacular meal for guests waiting in the dining room (*triclinium*).

As well as learning about what the Romans ate, what they served at each course of the meal, and how guests were entertained, we decided to re-enact our very own *cena*. Platters were made by our fabulous chef, Wayne, with what Romans might eat. Other than that, it was over to the pupils themselves. They were in groups of three, exactly as the Romans dined. Their *triclinium* referred to the three couches laid out around a table for reclining and pupils were encouraged to:

- 1) dress as Romans;
- 2) create their own dining area;

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3) provide some Roman-style entertainment.

There were some fantastic costumes and make-shift 'couches' with Roman decorations. The less said about the terrible Roman 'comedy' on show the better, however it would be a shame to not laud the efforts of some of the most committed pupils attending and so we have judged the following groups in first, second and third place:

3rd Place – Isabel, Keira and Ariella

2nd Place – Rina, Grace and Charlotte

1st Place – Evie, Islay and Simran

Well done all!

Mr Joshua Crosby

