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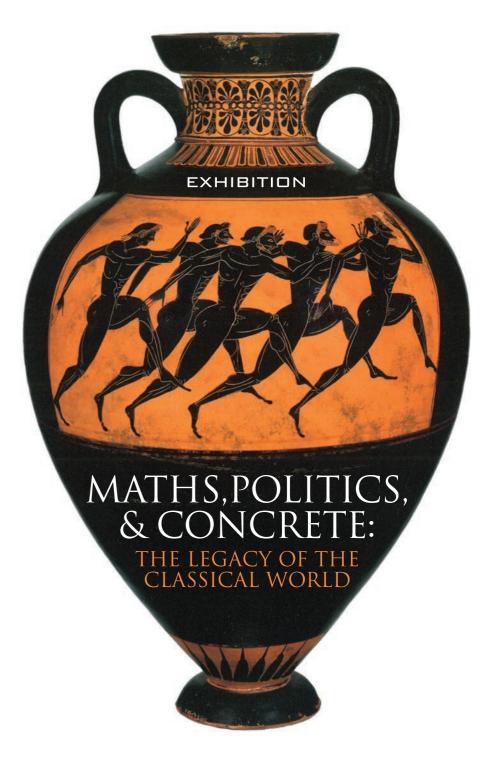
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The classicist Richard Hingley wrote 'the Classical past retains a highly significant relationship to the present'. It is true that no cultural tradition develops in a vacuum and we are all influenced by those who have gone before us. The exhibition *Maths*, *Politics and Concrete: The Legacy of the Classical World* aims to highlight some of the influences that the ancient Greeks and Romans have had on western civilisation. Mathematics, democracy, medicine, literature, philosophy, law, architecture and engineering are just some of the areas where western cultural heritage owes much to ancient Greece and Rome.

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