

Michaelmas Term 1988

Graduate Seminar in Comparative Philology

Tuesday, 2.15-4 p.m. in the Powell Room, West Building, Somerville College.

Writing and Scripts

Week 1. Tu. 11 October

Brief Introduction.

Dr. J.A. Black, Early writing in Mesopotamia.

Week 2. Tu. 18 October

Prof. A. Morpurgo Davies, Writing in Anatolia - the invention of a script.

Week 3. Tu. 25 October

Dr. R. Wachter, The Greek alphabet

Week 4. Tu. 1 November

Mr. D. Langslow, Some alphabets of ancient Italy

Week 5. Tu. 8 November

Dr. J.H.W. Penney, Iberic Writing

Week 6. Tu. 15 November

Dr. M. MacRobert, The alphabetization of the Slavonic Languages

Week 7. Tu. 21 November

Dr. E. Tucker, A late form of cuneiform: the Old Persian script.

NB. No previous knowledge is presupposed of either the scripts listed or other scripts or the theory of writing.

Philological lunches will start on Tuesday 11 October
at 1 p.m. in the Vaughan SCR Somerville