



Lumen Servamus

What the school has said over its own door for a hundred and fifty years.

Lumen is a Latin word. It means light. Servamus means we keep, or we guard, or we watch over. Together: we keep the light.

Activity: the school kept this over its door for a hundred and fifty years before anyone stopped to translate it. What words might you carve over your own front door, and why? Write them in English, and then, with a dictionary, have a go in Latin.

A clue: the girl who finally translated the motto was called Margaret, and she was very careful to get it exactly, unimprovably right.

There is no wrong answer, only a more careful one.

Lumen servamus. We keep the light. - St Elowen's