

Latin

OCR GCSE

Why study Latin?

The modern European world is underpinned by our classical heritage. We stand, in the words of Isaac Newton, 'on the shoulders of giants'. Whether we consider our languages, science, art, history, political and legal systems, we find them all underpinned by the Greco-Roman world. A sound knowledge of Latin brings you closer to your own language and is relevant to every subject you learn at school.



What will I learn?

This two year course will build on the material covered in Year 9 and offers a broad, satisfying and worthwhile programme of study for all those interested in deepening their knowledge of the Languages and Cultures of the Ancient World. It is a demanding course which will allow pupils to reach an appropriate level of competence in Latin, through the study of Roman History and Mythology, as well as to acquire a sensitive and analytical approach to language in general, their own in particular. Pupils read both verse and prose literature in the original language and learn to how to approach and respond sensitively to the literature of the Ancient World.

How will I be assessed?

The GCSE examination consists three written papers. There is no coursework.

Paper 1

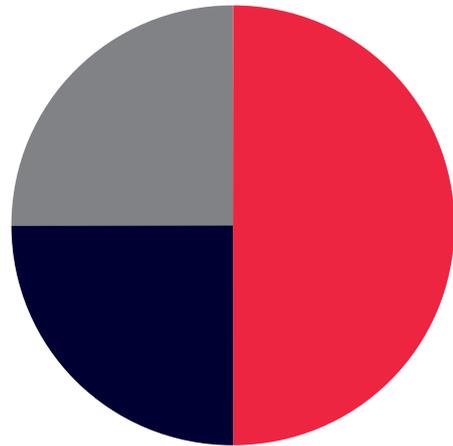
50% – Latin Language – Domestic Life, Mythology and History

Paper 2

25% – Latin Prose Literature – Pliny/Tacitus

Paper 3

25% – Latin Verse Literature – Catullus/Virgil



50% - Written Paper 1
25% - Written Paper 2
25% - Written Paper 3

What can I do after I've completed the course?

As well as the intellectual satisfaction of having successfully completed the second most rigorous GCSE (after Ancient Greek) and having become a member of a very small elite, one can continue into the Sixth Form to further ones knowledge of the Latin language and literature and tackle some of the world's finest writing. It is interesting to note that those students who have studied Classics at university have the lowest rate of graduate unemployment and are actively sought by leading graduate recruiters.