

LATIN

“There is nothing more important or more beautiful than Latin.” Continuing your study of Latin at GCSE Level will enable you to understand why this statement is true.

This subject gives you the opportunity to study the language and literature of ancient Rome. You will learn to translate Latin confidently and study the great classics of Latin literature, the works of authors who wrote two thousand years ago. You will transport your mind to an entirely different culture which, paradoxically, will enable you to understand more about the modern world as you see similarities and differences with current times.

There are many benefits to learning Latin as it is a richly rewarding subject. The legacy of the Romans is all around us, in our language and culture. Knowledge of the literature of the Romans offers an advantage to anyone who enjoys studying English literature. Learning the structure of this ancient language will have a beneficial effect on your progress in all other areas of study. Many other languages become easier to learn with a grounding in Latin. As well as being exciting and inspiring, this course helps you develop analytical skills and intellectual flexibility which are useful in a wide range of jobs.

“Knowing Latin not only opens up the world of the past, but it helps us to understand how the classical world has laid the foundations for the world we live in today. Latin enriches your knowledge of history, culture and literature. Furthermore, because Latin is so logical, it teaches you how to think intellectually by forcing you to think in ways you haven’t done before.”

COURSE CONTENT

You will continue to translate Latin into English, increasing your Latin vocabulary and becoming more fluent in the language. There is a set vocabulary list to learn for the Language paper. You will also study some Latin literature. We will prepare the texts together and you will be able to appreciate the skill of Roman authors. Although it is not examined specifically, you will also understand more about the Romans; their buildings, history and customs. Trips to museums, lectures and plays supplement our classroom studies.

ASSESSMENT: OCR J282

There is one Language paper (50%) and two prepared Literature papers (25% each).

For the language paper you will answer some comprehension questions and translate a short passage of Latin into English. For the literature papers you will answer comprehension and literary appreciation questions on the texts you have studied.

1 hour 30 mins	50% Language
1 hour	25% Prose Literature
1 hour	25% Verse Literature

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