

Latin

at MSJ Sixth Form



Taking your study of Latin further will provide you with a greater understanding of the language, literature, culture and political life of the Romans.

Apart from the study of the language, you will also consider the literary merits of the authors studied in context of the intellectual and cultural background and society of the Romans. You will develop the language skills gained at GCSE and you will study and appreciate a wider range of literature in the original language, giving you an insight into the thoughts and beliefs of the Romans. You will gain highly respected and transferable analytical and evaluative skills along with the ability to think logically and flexibly. But Latin A Level is more than just a language; you will also be exploring and learning about History, Philosophy, Linguistics, Art and Archaeology.

TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY NEED A MINIMUM OF:

GCSE Latin 7

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

You will extend your Latin vocabulary and develop greater sensitivity to the Latin language as you tackle passages for translation and comprehension. There is a defined vocabulary list at AS Level. You will demonstrate knowledge, understanding and an appreciation of Latin texts within their literary, social and historical contexts. Set texts are prepared thoroughly in lessons, literary techniques are examined and personal responses to Latin literature are produced. Find out why Barack Obama is called the new Cicero and enjoy Ovid's flippant approach to love poetry.

IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

What skills will I need?

You need to have demonstrated good language skills at GCSE and be able to translate reasonably confidently. You need to have an interest in languages and be willing to think logically and analytically. There is little new grammar to learn so you will be consolidating and building upon the grammar you learned for GCSE. You need to be prepared to learn vocabulary. You should also have

enjoyed studying the GCSE set texts, since you will be doing more of the same. Greater understanding and fluency will enable you to enjoy the texts more readily. You need to be interested in the ancient world and be willing to express your opinions and listen to others.

WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

The skills gained in Latin complement English, Drama or Modern Languages. Some girls take Latin to provide a contrast to Sciences and Mathematics.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

An A Level in Latin is rated highly by universities and employers because of its skills of precision, analysis and evaluation. It is useful in preparing you for a whole variety of different courses from Law to English to Medicine to Modern Languages, and of course a degree in Classics. In fact, Latin can lead on to pretty much anything as the skills learnt are key to life!

HEAD OF SUBJECT

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HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

AS / Year 12 Two papers	01 Language (80 marks) Unprepared translation defined vocabulary list 1 hour 30 mins 50% of AS 02 Literature (80 marks) One prose author and one verse author 2 hours 50% of AS
A2 / Year 13 Four papers	01 Unseen Translation (100 marks) 1 hour 45 mins 33% of A Level 02 Comprehension (50 marks) 1 hour 15 minutes 17% of A Level 03 Prose Literature (75 marks) 2 hours 25% of A Level Two prose authors 04 Verse Literature (75 marks) 2 hours 25% of A Level Two Verse authors