Why Study Latin At A-Level?

- Did you enjoy Latin at GCSE?
- Do you want to study ancient Latin texts which have influenced people ever since?
- Do you like a challenge and to problem solve?

Latin gives you the unique opportunity to expand your knowledge of language, literature and culture, all set in the context of the fascinating ancient world. It also develops highly valued transferrable skills.

We read a wide range of Latin texts in the original language, from historical accounts and political speeches to epic adventures and myths. Through the study of exciting literature, we develop sophisticated literary appreciation. Furthermore, honing skills to translate unseen Latin passages develops keen analytical and problem solving skills and resilience.

The course aims to increase your understanding of Latin, building on your GCSE grammatical knowledge and vocabulary.

Latin A-Level complements many subjects, such as Classical Civilisation, English Literature and Language, History, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages and Philosophy.

Entry Requirements

You must have studied Latin to GCSE before you start this course. The course requires you to be familiar with the Latin grammar and vocabulary from the GCSE syllabus in order to progress to A-Level standard.
What Will You Study?

Year 12 Content

- Language
  Hone skills in unseen Latin translation and prose composition.

- Prose Literature: Cicero
  Explore speeches by one of the greatest orators of all time and gain a deep understanding of the power of rhetoric. Cicero was a keen defender of the Roman Republic and was not afraid to challenge powerful men in lively and sharp speeches.

- Verse Literature: Virgil
  Study parts of the renowned epic, *The Aeneid*, in depth. It follows the trials and tribulations of its hero Aeneas, in his journey to found a city for his people and master his emotions. Explore universal themes and gain an appreciation of the literary style that has made *The Aeneid* such a masterpiece.

Year 13 Content

- Language
  Develop sophisticated translation skills to tackle un-adapted Latin texts written by Ovid and Livy. Delve into the mythological world of Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* or meet tragic heroines wronged by their lovers. Livy brings to life Rome’s amazing past in his vivid historical account, with stories of Hannibal, great bravery and the geese that saved Rome. Prose composition requires translating a passage into Latin.

- Verse Literature: Virgil
  Read the final part of Virgil’s *Aeneid* to discover how this great epic finally resolves. Does Aeneas become a true Roman hero?

- Prose Literature: Cicero
  Intrigue and murder! You will read further parts of the speech *Pro Cluentio* to uncover a scandalous case: a mother accuses her own son of poisoning his stepfather...

How Will You Be Assessed?

**A-Level Linear:**
There are four papers in total. All assessment is by examination.

**Language – 50% in total**
1) Unseen Translations (one prose text, one verse text) 1 hour 45 33%
2) Prose Composition 1 hour 15 17%

**Literature – 50% in total**
3) Prose Literature Paper (two texts) 2 hours 25%
4) Verse Literature Paper (two texts) 2 hours 25%

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