



A-level Latin/Greek

LRGS is unusual (particularly in the North West) in offering both Latin and Ancient Greek to A-level. At A-level students continue to develop the language skills they have already built at GCSE. This includes the opportunity to study prose composition (writing in Latin/Greek) although this is optional in the final exam. By the end of two years you will be able to translate real unedited ancient authors with confidence and will have developed a sophisticated understanding of grammar and linguistic structures.

You will study four texts over the two years of the A-level, which will be a mixture of history, poetry and political speeches. This will allow you to develop a lasting interest in, and enthusiasm for, the literary, historical and cultural features of the ancient world.

Small teaching groups enable a discursive approach where everyone is expected to contribute to lessons. If you can think, reason, analyse, compare, argue, justify, defend, criticise, ask, answer, listen and remember you will enjoy Latin/Greek lessons and learn a huge amount from them.

Assessment

The assessment consists of four written exams (no coursework):

- Unseen Translation
- Prose Literature
- Prose Composition or Comprehension
- Verse Literature

Trips

The Classics department regularly runs trips, both in the UK and abroad. There are annual trips to the Newcastle Classics Conference and the British Museum and to watch a Greek play in translation. Every other year, the students travel to Rome and the Bay of Naples, Sicily or mainland Greece to visit the archaeological sites which are so central to the study of Latin and Ancient Greek.

What can Classics lead to?

Latin and Greek have been combined with pretty much every combination of A-levels over the past few years. We have had students wishing to pursue modern languages, history, computer science, mathematics and medicine (veterinary and human) as well as classics and linguistics. Our students frequently go on to study at Oxbridge and other top universities.

"Latin lessons have been a genuine highlight of my time at LRGS, rewarding in more ways than I could have imagined."
Former A-level student.

Exam board: OCR

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