



A-level Classical Civilisation

This course is all about the Greeks and the Romans and their world. No knowledge of Latin or Greek is required and all sources are read in English! You will develop an understanding, appreciation and knowledge of the Greeks and Romans through their buildings, art, poetry, plays and philosophy.

Critical analysis and evaluation of written and visual sources form a key part of the course and of the exams. You will learn to use a range of appropriate evidence to formulate coherent arguments and evidence based judgements.

Classical Civilisation is about the whole of ancient society. It therefore combines elements of history, geography, english, art, archaeology, philosophy, politics, sociology and economics. If you have enjoyed reading about myths and legends, if you have an interest in ancient history, if you want to engage with artefacts rather than just written sources, this could be the course for you. You must enjoy reading and be prepared to write short essays!

Assessment The assessment consists of three written exams (no coursework).

- The World of the Hero (which focuses on the epics of Homer and Virgil)
- Two further modules, one from each of the groups below:

Culture and Arts

Greek Theatre

Imperial Image

Invention of the Barbarian

Greek Art

Belief and Ideas

Greek Religion

Love and Relationships

Politics of the Late Republic

Democracy and the Athenians

Trips

There is an annual trip to 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?

Classical Civilisation is a well-regarded humanities subject. Students go on to study a wide range of things at university from history and politics to sciences and mathematics as well as classics itself.

Exam board: OCR

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