



Classical Civilisation

What is the exam board and route?

A Level Classical Civilisation, OCR

Subject Entry Requirements: Grade 7 in GCSE English Literature or GCSE History or GCSE Classical Civilisation advised.

It is not necessary to have studied GCSE *Classical Civilisation to take this A Level

(*The world of the hero [the Odyssey and the Aeneid], The invention of the Barbarian and Politics of the Late Roman Republic)

Subject outline

A combination of skills developed through reading Homer and Aeneid and studying religion and theatre of Greeks – all in English.

How is the course assessed?

The World of the Hero: 2 hours 20 minutes

The invention of the Barbarian and Politics of the Late Roman Republic: 2 x 1 hour 45 minutes

Why study this subject?

Classical Civilisation is one of the broadest subjects available: it encompasses two different cultures, a wealth of literature, poetry, drama, history and philosophy, a rich feast of art and architecture and the study of every aspect of complex societies. This course gives students the opportunity to study in English diverse classical topics and sources, including both the oldest surviving works of literature, the world of the gods and heroes, the Greek view or “fake news” of “the other” civilisations, and the last few decades of political turmoil in the Roman republic before the final establishment of Augustus as the first man of the Roman Empire. This course would suit a student who enjoys aspects of both literature and history with an appreciation of the ancient world. All this will allow students to consider the ideals and ideas of Western thought that we have inherited from the ancients. Classical Civilisations is co-taught with LHS.

Complementary subjects

Classical Civilisations stands between English, History, Art and Politics, so would complement all humanities or offer something different to computing or sciences. It would allow all students to develop critical thinking and essay writing.

Possible careers

All careers open after all A level classical subjects, but if finishing Classics degrees routes are normally taking graduates to Law, Banking and Finance, Business, Economics, Journalism, Drama and Politics.

Subject enrichment available

- Trips abroad to Greece and Italy
- Theatre visits
- Lectures and study days
- Oxford and Cambridge visits
- Oxbridge essay competitions
- Greek and Latin Reading competitions
- Linguistics Club
- Archaeology Club
- Young Philosophers' Club 'Labyrinth'
- New Testament Greek
- Classics Film Club (LHS)

