

LATIN AND ANCIENT GREEK

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Examination board: Latin - OCR H443, Ancient Greek – OCR H444



*“If you enjoy reading, discussing and **analysing** literature in a **classical** language and have a strong ability to communicate your understanding through written work, then it may be worth considering an A Level in either Latin, Ancient Greek, or both. Both of these subjects contain a significant literature element, so you will need to be able to **translate** prose and verse texts.”*



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Studying classical languages at A Level will build on the skills and knowledge you have developed at GCSE. The first year of study involves two components of study: language, with a prescribed range of grammar and literature, based on the verse and prose set texts that will be studied throughout the year.

The second year of the course will see you study another prose and verse literature text as well as deepening your understanding of the language.

ASSESSMENT

- Four exams at the end of the second year, which are a combination of short answer questions and longer essay questions.
- Two literature exams (one prose, one verse).
- Two language exams (one unseen translation and one prose composition or comprehension).
- In both subjects you will be assessed on your grasp and application of grammatical concepts and your knowledge of vocabulary through the translation of unseen passages.

FUTURE PLANS

Classical languages are well regarded by both universities and employers due to their academic rigor as you will have developed a highly transferable skill set. Both subjects complement many university courses, including: Medicine, History, Classics, Law, Physics, English, Modern Foreign Languages and Arabic.

TO APPLY

Grade 7-9 in the chosen subject at GCSE is strongly recommended. It is also important that you enjoy the subject as you will be reading a lot of literature in its original language. Please complete a registration form online and we will then be in touch about arranging a possible interview.