

LATIN



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LATIN IN THE SIXTH FORM

What do these people all have in common?



The answer (somewhat unsurprisingly given that you're reading this booklet...) is that they all studied Latin at A Level and Classical Studies at university. Rather than bottleneck choices in the world of work, Latin is a subject that enables a pupil to showcase their very best abilities. The higher-order thinking skills necessary to succeed in the subject allow those who study it to reach the very top of their chosen industry.

The Latin A Level comprises the study of language and literature, both verse and prose. The subject also enables pupils to gain an insight into Ancient History and the culture of Ancient Rome.

Importantly, Latin serves as a statement of intent from a pupil to prospective admissions tutors and employers: that they are willing to challenge themselves and that they are capable of studying a subject which has often been the benchmark of a prestigious education.

[LATIN] ALLOWS YOU TO ADORE WORDS, TAKE THEM APART AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY COME FROM

– Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr Seuss)

WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

There are a wide range of skills that can be gained from studying Latin – here are just a few:

- Acquiring an extended Classical vocabulary, aiding with English and other languages
- Critically analysing complex sentence structures in foreign languages
- Gaining an appreciation of some of the cornerstones of Western literature
- Appreciating the merging of politics and war
- Understanding the principles of rhetoric and structuring a speech
- Translating complex Latin prose
- Ability to write sophisticated essays
- Understanding how Ancient History differs from Modern History
- Understanding of Roman myth and religion

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The Latin A Level builds on the grammar studied at GCSE and adapts it to more complex examples. Pupils are expected to translate both prose and verse literature from unseen texts and identify the use of specific cases.

- Latin language, translation & composition
- Tacitus' 'Annals'
- Virgil's 'Aeneid'
- A selection of poetry from Ovid, Tibullus and Propertius
- Speeches of Cicero
- Seneca's 'Moral Letters to Lucilius'

Texts covered previously in A Level Latin include Caesar, Virgil and Tacitus, as well as the political writings of Cicero, one of the most gifted orators of all time. Pupils will find elements of this translation challenging, but will be supported by specialist staff and will benefit from smaller class sizes, allowing for personalised learning.

The language work is considered to be among the most challenging pieces of work available at A Level, and remains evidence of an incredibly gifted mind.



CAREERS

Studying Latin opens up a wide range of career options:

CIVIL SERVANT
EDITOR
UNDERWRITER
ARCHAEOLOGIST
DIPL **DIPLOMAT**
PROOFREADER
TEACHER
CUSTOMS OFFICERS
TRANSLATOR
PROGRAMMER
INTERNATIONAL AID
COPYWRITER
NEWSREADER
HISTORIAN
ARCHIVIST
SPEECH
PATHOLOGIST
LINGUIST
BARRISTER
LEXICOGRAPHER
LECTURER
RESEARCHER
SOLICITOR



If you would like to discuss the A Level specification and the options that the Classics Department offer, please don't hesitate to contact

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