

LATIN A-LEVEL

WHY SHOULD I STUDY A-LEVEL LATIN?

Latin is hugely varied in its scope and provides an invaluable set of skills. It is highly regarded as a subject and offers something different as it is such a rare subject to study. There are two elements to Latin, and translating the language is similar to deciphering a code. Furthermore, reading and analysing ancient authors in their original language provides an in-depth understanding of the Romans and their way of life. Latin provides a fascinating insight into Rome through the eyes of the surviving authors.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

You will learn how to decode the Latin language and translate ancient texts accurately, as well as write in Latin yourself. You will read the speeches of the famous Roman lawyer, Cicero, as he tackles a murder trial and hear rhetoric and theatre unfold in the courts of Rome as he makes his case. You will read the Virgil's epic story of Aeneas, a Homeric warrior who survives the fall of Troy and goes on to fight for a new place to call home, a place which we know as Rome.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment takes the form of three examinations: an unseen translation paper, a Prose set text paper on Cicero; and a verse set text paper on Virgil. You will need to know the set texts well and be able to analyse them in depth.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will develop linguistic skills which not only enable you to translate Latin but will be useful when taking verbal entry tests to graduate schemes and employment opportunities. You will be able to analyse and evaluate texts in an ancient language; research and form arguments; and produce an informed response to a question.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Analysing ancient texts provides an excellent base for studying subjects such as Law, Languages, History and Archaeology. The logic and problem-solving aspects of the subject are useful for those who want to pursue medicine, accountancy, banking or coding.

Exam Board: OCR

