



# CLASSICAL CIVILISATION A-LEVEL

## WHY SHOULD I STUDY A-LEVEL CLASSICAL CIVILISATION?

This course will be ideal for those who enjoy History, Politics, literature and the arts. It offers an in depth understanding of the Ancient world, without studying Latin or Ancient Greek. Reading Greek and Roman epic poetry in English translation offers opportunities to make a personal response to some of the finest literature ever written.

Greek Art asks you to look at a different branch of Classics: interpreting the development of art across the classical period. No previous knowledge of Greek Art is required.

Politics of the Late Republic covers a completely different skill set. It involves learning about the turbulent history of the late Roman republic and analysing ancient sources, in the form of a surviving law speech and private correspondence.

Classical Civilisation pupils have varied lessons as a consequence, where we are constantly comparing and contrasting ancient Rome to today's literature, art and society.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

Homer's Iliad and Odyssey and Virgil's Aeneid are unique in their composition and introduce exciting tales of gods and heroes in the Greek and Roman world. In Greek Art, you will look at how the Greeks chose to display themselves, their mythology, their ideas and their military successes. You will consider how they pursued the concept of perfection and the influence that they have had on today's architecture and art. Politics of the Late Roman republic will lead you through the

fall of the Roman republic, following the events which took place and considering the actions of specific individuals: Caesar, Pompey, Cato and Cicero. It also introduces you to Cicero's forensic legal speech attacking a corrupt governor, as well as asking you to read his private correspondence whilst the Roman Republic raced towards its own destruction.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment takes the form of three examinations the different units.

World of the Hero is worth 40%

Greek Art 30%

Politics of the Late Republic 30%

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will learn how to develop an argument and support it with evidence, both verbally and in written form. You will be able to analyse texts and art, as well as evaluate their purpose, intention and meaning. Researching ideas and presenting them is an inherent part of the course. Classical Civilisation enhances skills of reading, comprehension and interpretation of evidence.

## WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Classicists can be found in all different types of jobs, as the analytical and evaluative skills are transferable to most university courses and careers. Typical careers are: law; government; publishing; teaching; marketing. As an A-Level, it combines well with other humanities. A lifelong enjoyment of the Classical world is an added bonus.

