



Latin

Why study Latin?

You will acquire the necessary linguistic skills in order to be able to read literary texts, both prose and verse, in the original language. Furthermore, it helps students with the study of English and other modern languages. It provides the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the life and culture of the ancient world through the literature studied. The study of Latin helps you to develop a wide range of transferable skills.

What skills will I gain from studying Latin?

The study of Latin enables you to develop your linguistic and literary skills to a high level of competence. Cognitive skills such as the use of logic, analysis, problem solving and critical evaluation are central to the study of Latin and students who possess them will find that a wide range of careers are open to them. Communication, interpersonal, research and organisational skills are also important in the study of Latin at A level and will help you prepare for the demands of university and the workplace.

Having studied Latin what opportunities will be open to me?

With an A level in Latin, you will find a wide range of degree courses available at university including numerous "stand alone" Classics courses as well as many which combine Latin with other subjects. Students who have studied Latin to A level often pursue degree courses in subjects as diverse as Maths, English, History, Modern Languages, the Sciences and Law as well as many others. Latin is widely recognised by employers as intellectually demanding and graduates invariably find that a wide range of careers are open to them. Popular choices include law, journalism, publishing, banking, teaching, computer analysis and the Civil Service.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in Latin GCSE

Exam board: OCR

Specification code/no. H443

Topics covered in Year 12 and 13

Translation and comprehension skills are developed throughout the course. Prose Literature: Tacitus "Histories 1" (Selections). Verse Literature: Year 12: Virgil "Aeneid Book XI" or Horace "Satires Book 1. Year 13: Either: Virgil "Aeneid Book XI" (further selections or Horace "Odes Book 3" or Ovid "Amores Book2"