

Why study Latin?

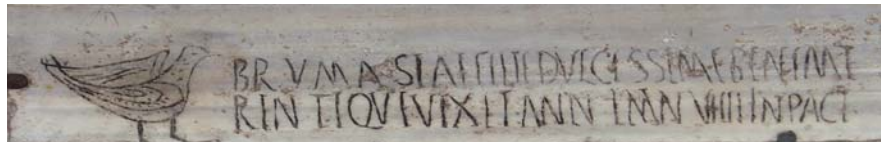
This subject gives you the opportunity to study the language and literature of ancient Rome, reading the works of famous authors such as Virgil, Ovid, Cicero and Tacitus. You experience elements of the culture, language and social and political life of the Roman civilisation which has inspired many later generations. As well as being exciting and inspiring, this course helps you develop analytical skills and intellectual flexibility which will be useful in a wide range of jobs or in further study.



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What Areas of Study are available?

- Latin Language; you learn to read Latin texts in their original language;
- Latin Literature; you read set texts by authors such as Virgil, Ovid, Pliny, Tacitus and Horace;
- Roman Civilisation studied through Latin sources; you study simple inscriptions, photographs of Roman buildings and artefacts and short passages in English about Roman society. This area of study is optional.



What will I learn?

- you will develop a sensitive and analytical approach to language generally, including an awareness of the relationship between Latin and the languages of today;
- you will come to appreciate different cultures;
- you will learn how to read texts in Latin;
- you will read and appreciate Latin literature in its cultural context and in its original language;
- you will learn how to communicate clearly and effectively.

What exam papers will I take?

There is a choice between two levels of entry for this examination: Foundation and Higher. Your teacher will help you to decide which level to take. You can choose to take each paper at the level most suited to you.

For the full GCSE course, you take Papers 1 and 2, and **two** of Papers 3, 4 or 5. For the GCSE short course, you take Paper 1 and **one** of Papers 3, 4 or 5.

Unit A401 (Language 1: 1 hour)

The Latin passages on this exam paper tell a story or stories drawn from mythology or Roman domestic life. You will answer some comprehension questions and translate a small extract of Latin into English.

Unit A402 (Language 2: 1 hour)

The Latin passages on this exam paper recount a story or stories drawn from history. You will answer some comprehension questions and translate a short passage of Latin into English.

Unit A403 (Prose Literature: 1 hour)

You will answer comprehension and literary appreciation questions on the prose texts you have studied in class.

Unit A404 (Verse Literature: 1 hour)

You will answer comprehension and literary appreciation questions on the verse texts you have studied in class.

Unit A405 (Sources for Latin: 1 hour)

You will answer short questions based on stimulus passages or illustrations and write an extended response based on sources as evidence for life in Roman society.

