

# LATIN

Latin A Level is for those who have enjoyed Latin at GCSE and wish to continue furthering their studies of both the Latin Language and the Literature. The course builds on GCSE Latin and aims to widen students' access to different genres of Latin writers from the golden period of Latin Literature, the first centuries BC and AD, as well as teaching them to translate increasingly complex passages of original unseen Latin.

Latin is regarded as academically rigorous and therefore valued by top universities, but it is also hugely enjoyable. To study some of the world's first (and) best Literature, in the original language, is a great thrill and the chance to study the culture and history of that which has shaped the modern world, is a real opportunity. Latin is an excellent choice to support A Levels in English, History, Modern Foreign Languages and Mathematics, but it also supports applications to university for Medicine, Mathematics and Engineering.

There are four papers at the end of the two year course; two Language and two Literature. The Language papers involve translations from Latin into English, verse and prose and a comprehension from Latin or an option to translate into Latin. There are two Literature papers; one Prose Literature and one Verse Literature.

The set texts for 2021-2023 are: Phillipics II, a speech by Cicero intended to ruin the reputation of Mark Antony, a selection from Virgil's epic poem "the Aeneid" and some history by Tacitus and some History by Tacitus, the Roman historian who is a primary historical source of the dastardly deeds around the early roman emperors (and you get to read it in the original!).

Past students of A Level Latin have gone on to study Classics, History, Russian, French, Art History, English, Anthropology, Law, Medicine, Architecture, Economics, Liberal Arts, Mathematics, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine at top universities. Those who have completed their studies all now have excellent fulfilling jobs.

**Exam Board: OCR**

**Assessment: 100% Written Examination  
(Divided into 4 papers)**



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