

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION A LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A subject not commonly offered by many school sixth-forms and colleges, Classical Civilisation offers the opportunity to study the literary and material culture of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. You will explore aspects of classical civilisation which have been significant in the development of the modern world, and develop an important understanding of classical societies and their values.

This course will particularly appeal to students with an interest in literature and history, and combines well with subjects including Ancient History, History, English Literature, Drama, Art and Philosophy. Areas of study often include The Odyssey (the study of epic poetry, historical background and culture), Tragedy (Bacchae by Euripides, Oedipus the King by Sophocles) and Comedy (Frogs by Aristophanes). Virgil and the World of the Hero (Homer's Iliad and Virgil's Aeneid, including Roman political and historical context) may also be studied. There is usually a degree of focus on art and archaeology (analysis of sculpture, vase painting and Greek sanctuaries, as well as political and cultural context). There are also optional opportunities to enjoy field trips within the UK and to the Mediterranean.

WHAT NEXT?

Whilst many students continue on to study subjects including Classics, Ancient or Modern History, English Literature and Philosophy at university, this course provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Exam 100%

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 in GCSE English and grade 4 in Maths.

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£30 per year for textbooks plus optional field trips