

# Classical Civilisation



## OCR Specification

### General information:

Classical Civilisation is the study of the Ancient Greek and Roman worlds through their literary and archaeological legacies. The course considers the impact of these civilisations on our society today. Students will develop a deep understanding and empathy for these societies which form the models for the modern Western world.

### Course content:

In Year 12 - Module One: the course covers some of the most iconic literature of both societies. On the Greek side of the course we look at 'The Odyssey' to discover what this legend can tell us about the society that produced this brand of hero. On the Roman side, we read the Aeneid, Virgil's famous poem written at the start of a new era for the Romans when the Caesars would rule Rome.

In Year 13 - Modules Two and Three: We get to specialise in aspects of Greek and Roman Society. For the Greeks, we look at their Art and how they made these images which survive so vividly from antiquity but also why they celebrated these stories and events. On the Roman side, we look at those events which led to the Fall of the Republic through the eyes of famous Roman characters.

### How is the course taught and assessed?

The course is taught by a specialist teacher through discussion, lecture, audio-visual media and independent study. Visits to sites of interest are also key to understanding lasting legacy of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Students play a key role in learning to present topics to the rest of their class.

Assessment is largely written, either short-answer questions or longer essay-type questions but supported practice means that students are very well-prepared. There are internal exams at the end of Year 12 and a mock in Year 13 to assess progress. The final exams take place in the summer of Year 13 and comprise of three module papers.

Entry requirements:	Results information:	Top destinations for students:
As well as the general entry requirements for BWS, Grade 6 in a Humanities subject would be an advantage. No prior knowledge of Latin or Greek is necessary	2016 A Level A*-C 100%	Oxford/Cambridge Russell Group universities Law, teaching, accounting, archaeology, banking, business, communications, computer science, film, journalism, marketing, museum work.
	2017 A Level A*-C 100%	
	2018 A Level A*-C 100%	
	2019 No cohort	

### Beyond the curriculum:

Students can enjoy Visiting lecturers, visits to sites of interest both domestic and foreign and lectures by visiting academics. Classics students may also enjoy lectures organised by the BWS History Society.