

Latin

OCR Specification



General information:

Latin is taught as an extra-curricular subject at A level and can constitute a fourth A Level choice. The language knowledge builds upon that of GCSE, and the literature is covered in four modules: two of which are Prose and two Verse. Through studying Latin, we learn both the world view of the Romans and their view of themselves. The literature is rich and diverse and prompts our desire to engage with them.

Course content:

In Year 12: We study one verse module and one prose module. The choice of module is largely down to student choice from the set list. We also continue to improve grammar and vocabulary understanding through working with adapted Latin pieces.

Set texts options: www.ocr.org.uk/Images/220734-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-latin-h443.pdf

In Year 13: We can continue with the chosen authors or choose alternative ones. The language element moves to considering unedited pieces of Latin.

How is the course taught and assessed?

The course is taught by a specialist teacher through discussion, lecture, audio-visual media and research. Assessment is largely written: unprepared passages for translation or comprehension, regularly monitored vocabulary, short-answer questions or longer essay-type questions but supported practice means that students are very well-prepared. There are exams at the end of Year 12 and a mock in Year 13 to assess progress. The final exams comprise of language and literature papers.

Entry requirements:

In addition to the general entry requirements for BWS, a Grade 7 in GCSE Latin.

Results information:

Results are consistently high; in 2023 100% of students achieved A* - A grades

Top destinations for students:

Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities.

Law, teaching, accounting, archaeology, banking, business, classics, communications, computer science, journalism, marketing, medicine, research.

Beyond the curriculum:

We would hope that students make connections between English and Latin; and between Latin and other modern foreign languages they may be studying or might have studied. Students will also find the Classics trips and lectures, as well as the History Society lectures relevant and interesting.