

Classical Civilisation

Qualification: AS Classical Civilisation and A-level Classical Civilisation as separate awards (AS grade does not count towards A-level grade)

Additional Entry Information:
Speak to **Mrs S Dowling** for more information.

What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?

You do not require any prior knowledge to study Classical Civilisation just a keen interest in the culture, mythology and literature of the classical world.

What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?

A Level Classical Civilisation encourages learners to acquire a sophisticated level of knowledge and understanding of the classical world through the study of ancient literature, art and culture. It helps to develop important transferable skills such as critical analysis and evaluation, interpretation of evidence (both classical and that of modern scholars), critical appreciation of arguments and written communication.

What sort of student is this course suitable for?

You need to be inspired by the culture and literature of the classical world. There will be the need to pupils to carry out their own reading so an interest in the topic is vital. Finally, students need to be able to communicate clearly and construct an essay.

What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?

It is essential that students are reading widely including the prescribed texts and the modern scholar work.

What is the course content and how is this assessed?

AS: Each unit is 50% of the AS qualification and is examined at the end of year 12.

1. The World of the Hero – Homer's Odyssey
2. Greek Theatre

A2: The AS is a stand-alone qualification so the content is examined again in year 13. All units are assessed by examination.

1. World of the Hero – Homer's Odyssey (building on year 12) and Virgil's Aeneid (40%)
2. Greek Religion* (30%)
3. Greek Theatre (as learnt in year 12) (30%)

*This module may be subject to change as there is a large choice.

What could students go on to do at the end of this course?

The study of A Level Classical Civilisation can often lead to the university-level study of Classics, Drama, English, History, History of Art, Philosophy and Politics. Classical Civilisation is listed on UCL's list of preferred A Level subjects and it is also listed on King's College, Cambridge's list of Generally Suitable Arts A-Levels. It is also listed as a useful subject for degrees in Classical Studies and Philosophy in the Russell Group 'Informed Choices' document. Information from UCAS shows that students who studied Classical Civilisation also went on to study in such diverse disciplines as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Chemistry.

It is not only those looking to attend university who benefit from the study of Classical Civilisation. From the proven ability to write a well-structured extended response to the acknowledgement of the views of others and a culturally sensitive approach to these, Classics puts students in an excellent position to seek employment and opportunities.

Studying Classical Civilisation equips you with a broad knowledge of civilisation and cultures and helps you to make connections with literature, art, politics and drama as well as giving a cultural and historical insight.

