

## LATIN

### Advanced General Certificate of Education (A level)

The history of Ancient Rome is still very much relevant today and the legacy with which the Romans left us is still very much felt throughout western society. A level Latin provides students with a unique opportunity to study the Romans through the original literary texts that still survive, whether this be historical accounts from Tacitus or Livy, some of Cicero's legendary speeches, epic poetry from Virgil's *Aeneid* or love poetry from the likes of Ovid. Students develop their understanding of these texts, gaining an insight into the different writing styles of the authors and learning to critically appreciate both the content and the use of language. Students also work on developing their understanding of the Latin language itself, building on their knowledge of syntax and accidence from GCSE to the point where they are able to translate complex texts, not only from Latin into English but also from English into Latin. This in turn develops the students' analytical and critical thinking skills, which can then be transferred to other areas of professional life.

#### Course Content:

OCR A-level Latin (H443) is a two year course:

#### Language:

You will study Latin syntax and accidence, furthering your knowledge of vocabulary and developing your translation skills, both into English and into Latin. You will take two language exams at the end of Year 2:

1. Unseen translation (1h45m / 33% of total mark)
2. Prose composition OR Comprehension (1h15m / 17% of total mark)

#### Literature:

You will study original literary texts in both prose and verse and through them gain a more in-depth understanding of the history and culture of the Romans. You will study two prose texts and two verse texts – currently the prescriptions are taken from Cicero and Virgil respectively. You will take two exams at the end of Year 2:

1. Prose literature (2h / 25% of total mark)
2. Verse literature (2h / 25% of total mark)

#### Wider learning:

You will also develop an in-depth understanding of the history and culture of the Romans through extended ILC work and through the use of different types of media, for example documentaries, which will be used in class to this end.

#### Career Opportunities:

The study of Latin fosters the development of a flexible, logical mind and its academic rigour develops a methodical approach and skill set that can be used in a variety of interesting, stimulating and challenging careers.