

# Latin (OCR)

*“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” - Isaac Newton*

Studying Latin at A Level delivers the world in a grain of sand, as you are introduced to Rome at the height of its glory: an unprecedented opportunity to dive into linguistic studies as well as luxuriate in a cornucopia of 2,000 year old masterpieces of literature, on topics as diverse as law, love and what it means to be a hero in an age where heroism is seemingly forgotten. Your studies are underpinned by a sharp understanding of the shifting sands of socio-political interests, set in the turbulent years at the end of the Republic and its metamorphosis into Imperial Rome.



## Academic

The OCR syllabus offers a dual focus on language and literature; students expand their vocabulary, accidence and syntax to an advanced level where they can explore original texts, such as those by the poets Ovid, Horace, and Catullus, historians Livy, Tacitus, Caesar and Suetonius.

Students delve into the works of Cicero, Ovid and Virgil particularly, their works retaining their vibrancy and emotional resonance even now; exposed to such honed rhetorical finesse, students too begin to compose masterful Latin prose.

## Co-Curricular

In normal circumstances, lectures and guest speakers are arranged to enrich the curriculum, and we offer study days at university, trips to the theatre and residential trips to Rome or the Bay of Naples. Sixth Form students often lead the KS3 Classics Club, clubs in Junior School, or become Language Leaders.

We support entries to national translation, video and essay competitions and entries for the Linguistics Olympiad. Those who consider applying to university to study Classics benefit from weekly guidance and support, with Oxbridge preparation also offered. 6.1 students can apply for a bursary from the GDST Silver-Pearson Award to attend a summer school, enabling them to broaden their knowledge in advance of university applications.