

## Classical civilisation

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>GCSE Classical Civilisation OCR</b>
<b>Brief description of course</b>	
<p>Pupils will study the Classical Worlds of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome across the time period 3000BCE to 500CE. The course will look at surviving examples of written and archaeological evidence in different contexts.</p> <p>It is suitable to anyone interested in the Classical world and there are <b>no requirements to have studied any ancient languages like Latin or Greek</b> (previous study in Year 9 will be helpful but not essential). Classical Civilisation is a humanities subject and is highly respected by post 16 establishments, universities and employers. This GCSE is useful for developing analysis and evaluation skills as well as critical thinking and essay writing. It is also helpful in demonstrating an interest in people and cultures as well as being fascinating in itself!</p>	
<b>Year 10 &amp; Year 11</b>	
<p>Pupils at Castle Newnham will study the following two components; Myth and Religion and The Homeric World. They will learn to read original texts (in translation) and form their own responses to these texts. Pupils will also investigate artefacts and gain understanding of their place in the Ancient World.</p> <p>Myth and Religion - this unit includes a close study of the Greek and Roman gods, their festivals and temples, mythology and ancient beliefs in the Underworld.</p> <p>The Homeric World - this is focused on Homer's Odyssey, and includes personal response to the characters and plots as well as analysis of themes such as fate, revenge and justice. It also includes study of real life in the Mycenaean age through sites and artefacts.</p> <p>The course is assessed via two 90 minute exams (90 marks each) worth 50% of the course. Questions range from short comprehension questions worth 1 mark to extended written answers worth 15 marks.</p>	
<b>Progression</b>	
<p>If you are planning to go on to sixth form then Classical Civilisation GCSE is great preparation for A Levels in a wide variety of subjects like English Literature and History as well as subjects like Politics or Law.</p> <p>If you want to go on to do vocational courses at sixth form or into a training scheme then Classical Civilisation will demonstrate a wide range of interests as well as teaching you valuable skills like evaluation and communication.</p> <p>If you are thinking about university, Classical Civilisation provides a really introduction to subjects like Ancient History and Archaeology as well as Classical Civilisation itself.</p>	