

Addendum – new course for September 2020



Latin

Awarding Body **OCR**

Minimum course entry requirement

At least a Grade 6 in Latin GCSE and a Grade 5 in English. Anyone wishing to study the A-Level who has not had access to Latin previously would need to work independently to cover the Language content of the GCSE in advance of starting the course.

Course Content

The course divides into language and literature, which have equal weight in the final exams.

Language - Building on your knowledge from GCSE, we consolidate the grammar covered so far and cover new material, extending your vocabulary and practising translation of unseen Latin texts, as well as translating into Latin. By the end of the course, you will be able to translate un-adapted texts independently. We use John Taylor's Latin Beyond GCSE, adding other text-books to practise unseen translation & prose composition in Y13.

Literature

We study four set texts (two prose and two verse). You will learn to translate the texts, understand their social/literary/historical context and analyse their literary qualities. We study two texts in Y12 and two in Y13.

Assessment

Paper 1: Unseen Translation 1hr 45 mins; 33%

Paper 2: Prose Composition OR Comprehension
1hr 15 mins; 17%

Paper 3: Prose Literature 2 hrs; 25%

Paper 4: Verse Literature 2 hrs; 25%

Careers and skills

The combination of linguistic, literary and historical skills required in the study of Latin develops many transferable skills, which are especially valued in a world where the workplace is evolving rapidly. Traditionally, those who have studied Latin might be expected to go on to careers in law, management, marketing, journalism, publishing, civil service and the arts, as well as directly related fields such as academic research, teaching, archaeology, museums and heritage, but Latinists can also be found in less obvious fields, such as technology and finance.

