



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

LATIN

Examination Board: OCR

Course: The GCSE Latin course covers all the essentials of Latin grammar and usage. In addition to studying the language, pupils also have the opportunity to read extracts from the works of some of the great writers of classical literature such as Virgil, Catullus, Martial, Cicero, Pliny and Ovid. The study of Latin opens the door into the Ancient world which continues to be a source of fascination even in the twenty-first century.

Latin should be considered as a desirable option for those interested in pursuing the study of Modern Languages, History (especially Ancient History), Medicine, Journalism and the Law among others.

Latin is highly regarded by university admissions tutors; those with a qualification in Latin are known to be able to solve problems, think precisely and communicate clearly.

There is also a Greek Club, to complement Latin, where pupils can prepare for graded tests or GCSE in Classical Greek. This broadens the experience of the classical world available at KGS.

Assessment: Summary of the current OCR Specification (2018 onwards):

Unit 1: Latin Language 50%

Unseen Latin Prose, tested by translation into English and comprehension

Unit 2: Latin Prose Literature 25%, prescribed prose texts

Unit 3: Latin Verse Literature 25%, prescribed verse texts