Latin

What does the course involve?

Combining literature, history, and language in one, Latin, like other Classical subjects, offers a unique interdisciplinary 'educational package'. Not only does more in-depth learning of Latin improve spelling and language confidence, but its ability to also finely tune analytical skills and to challenge the brightest minds makes it one of the most respected subjects around. Having continued studying the *de Romanis* course in Year 9 and having learnt almost all the prescribed GCSE vocabulary and grammar necessary for examination success, pupils will be well equipped to continue the course at GCSE level. First completing *de Romanis* Book 2, before progressing to studying literature and culture components, which will focus on original Latin texts. This will cover a range of sources structured around a specified theme (such as the role of women in the ancient world, or the Roman concept of heroism); pupils will also study a longer narrative text, such as the account of Hannibal crossing the Alps. This opportunity to bring their translation skills to unadapted Latin text while also exploring the writer's attitudes, context and use of language provides students with a huge breadth of skills and allows them to enjoy the fruits of their previous learning.

How is the course assessed?

Paper 1: Language (50%)

Unprepared translation and comprehension on a story drawn from mythology domestic life or history.

Paper 2: Prose Literature (30%) Themes: Heroes and Villains

All of our Latin texts focus on the lives, careers, and lessons learned from famously good – and bad – figures in Roman history.

Paper 3: Verse Literature (20%) Narrative: Livy - Hannibal

We will be reading about the legendary Carthaginian general and his war with Rome figures in Roman history.

The X Latin set:

For academically able pupils who wish to take 10 GCSEs, Latin is also available in CCF time (three periods per week on Thursday afternoon) plus a lunchtime period. Pupils considering this option should consult their Latin teacher and enter Latin as an extra option on their option form.

Latin GCSE is well respected by universities and employers, who appreciate the intellectual qualities required in studying the language. It has traditionally been associated with Law and Medicine. Latin can be continued at A Level and university

levels. In the past, it was traditionally studied with Classical Greek, but it is commonly studied in many combinations with Arts subjects, such as English, Modern Foreign Languages, or History for those with an interest in the Humanities, or with Maths and Science for those wishing to develop their analytical and problem solving skills.

At a Glance

Exam Board
WJEC Latin (EDUQAS)

Assessment Type
The course is assessed by exam in Year 11:

- Language (50%): 1 hour 30 minutes
- Themes (30%): 1 hour 15 minutes
- Narratives (20%): 1 hour

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