

# GCSE Latin

## Spring term 2026 Newsletter

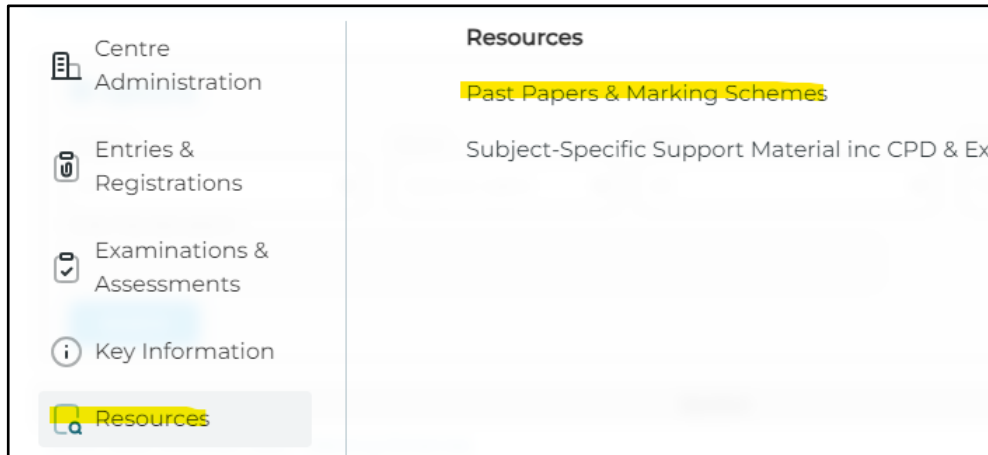
We hope that this newsletter finds you and your students well. In this term's edition we will provide you with general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need for this term.

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## 1. Summer 2025 Past Papers and Marking schemes

Summer 2025 past papers and marking schemes are now available to centres via our secure [Portal](#). The examinations officer in each centre is able to set up user accounts for teachers to enable them to access [Portal](#).

Once logged in, teachers can access past papers and marking schemes by selecting *All services* in the top left of the screen, followed by *Resources > Past Papers & Marking Schemes*:



## 2. Exemplar exam responses

The 2025 exemplar consists of a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. To find the 2025 exemplar please follow this path - Login to [Portal](#) > All services > Resources > Subject-Specific Support inc CPD & Exemplars.

Exemplars from past examinations are also available from this area of Portal.

## 3. Key Dates

Key dates for this academic year have been posted on the Eduqas website:

- [GCSE Latin](#)

#### 4. Resource Guide

##### Resource Guide



Our Resource Guide provides an overview of the support, guidance and resources available to those teaching the Eduqas GCSE Latin specification across our suite of websites.

[GCSE Latin Resource Guide](#)

#### 5. Professional Learning - GCSE Latin

##### Materials from Previous Professional Learning Events

Previous years' Professional Learning materials for GCSE Latin, including from the autumn 2025 events, can be found on [Portal](#). Future Professional Learning events will be advertised on the Eduqas Latin page.

#### 6. Component 2 - Examination in 2026

A reminder that the themes for examination in summer 2026 are Theme A ***Romans in the countryside*** and Theme B ***Love and marriage***. Please also note that the captions and bullet points which accompany the pictures in the Resource Booklet will not appear in the copy of the booklet given out in the examination room.

[Prescribed Material \(for examination 2024-2026\) Theme A \(Romans in the countryside\) Vocabulary List \(Examination 2024-2026\) Theme A Romans in the Countryside](#)

[Prescribed Material \(for examination 2024-2026\) Theme B \(Love and marriage\) Vocabulary List \(Examination 2024-2026\) Theme B Love and Marriage](#)

## 7. Component 2 - for examination 2027-2029 – Prescribed Material

Prescribed Material and Vocabulary Lists are now available for each theme and can be accessed via the links below.

### Theme A – Heroes and Villains

[Prescribed Material](#)

[Vocabulary List](#)

### Theme B – Come Dine with Me

[Prescribed Material](#)

[Vocabulary List](#)

### Amendment to Prescribed materials for Component 2, assessment Summer 2027-2029.

Theme A, Heroes and Villains for examination 2027-2029: An amendment has been made to the caption of Picture 1 on page 3 of the Prescribed materials and the description of Source 1 on page 6 of the Notes & Commentary. The updated versions are now available on the Eduqas Latin qualification page.

## 8. Component 2 - for examination 2027-2029 – Resources

Resources to support the teaching of the new themes are now available and can be accessed via the links below.

### Theme A – Heroes and Villains

[Notes and Commentary](#)

[Translation Booklet](#)

[Student Booklet](#)

### Theme B – Come Dine with Me

[Notes and Commentary](#)

[Translation Booklet](#)

[Student Booklet](#)

## 9. Component 3A – Examination in 2026 and 2027

Authors to be examined in summer 2026 and summer 2027 are **Livy (Hannibal Crosses the Alps, in Latin and English)** and **Virgil (Hercules and Cacus, in Latin and English)**.

The booklet of prescribed material for each set of narratives, along with the accompanying vocabulary lists, are available from the links below:

### Livy – Hannibal crosses the Alps

[Prescribed Material](#)

[Vocabulary List](#)

### Virgil – Hercules and Cacus

[Prescribed Material](#)

[Vocabulary List](#)

## 10. Component 3A – resources for 2026 and 2027 examinations

Resources to support the teaching of these themes are now available and can be accessed via the links below.

**Livy – Hannibal crosses the Alps**

[Notes and Commentary](#)

[Translation Booklet](#)

[Student Booklet](#)

**Virgil – Hercules and Cacus**

[Notes and Commentary](#)

[Translation Booklet](#)

[Student Booklet](#)

## 11. Component 3A – for examination in 2028 and 2029

The provisional choice of texts for examination in 2028 and 2029 will be:

- Cupid et Psyche (selections from Apuleius’ Metamorphoses, books 4-6)
- Aeneas and Anchises (selections from Aeneid 2, 5-6)

The Prescribed Material and Vocabulary lists will be published later this academic year. We will also be developing Notes and Commentary, Translation Booklets and Student Booklets to support the teaching of these texts.

## 12. Component 3B – Examination in 2026

A reminder that for examination in **summer 2026** the topics are *Roman Family Life* and *The City of Rome*. The sub-headings for these topics can be found in [Appendix C of the specification](#). There are no prescribed items for this component, but support materials are available on our website under [Guidance for Teaching](#).

## 13. Component 3B - for examination 2027-2029 – Resources

Resource material has been made available for each of the new topics for examination in **summer 2027**, **summer 2028** and **summer 2029**, and these can be accessed via the links below.

**Topic 7: Slavery in the Roman World**

[Resource Material](#)

**Topic 8: Roman Festivals and Worship**

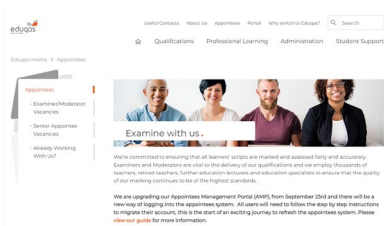
[Resource Material](#)

## 14. Knowledge Organisers



We have published a set of [knowledge organisers](#) for all components in the GCSE exam. Written by our principal examiner these resources are available on the Eduqas public website and provide a range of top tips and revision guides for students.

## 15. Become an Examiner



As the entry for Eduqas GCSE Latin is growing, we are keen to appoint new examiners. Examining is an excellent way of learning more about the requirements of the exam and thus supporting your students and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [appointees section](#) of the website.

## 16. Next newsletter

The next issue will be sent out in April 2025. In the meantime, for any queries regarding Eduqas GCSE Latin, please contact the Latin team below.

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