

LATIN AT GCSE

Why choose Latin for GCSE?

Have you ever considered how words in English started out? Wanted to know more about how the Romans lived? Wondered what the Ancient Romans found funny?

Latin GCSE is both stimulating and interesting as it allows you a chance to delve into the exciting world of Gladiators and fantastic storytellers.

You will be introduced to vocabulary and grammar that will help you to understand how English has developed. It's also a fantastic choice to complement study of a Modern Foreign Language.

You will have opportunities to study first-hand accounts of battles, chariot races and entertainment days in Ancient Rome and will enrich your understanding of language structures.

What will I study?

Throughout the course everyone will study Latin Language and Literature. For Language you will read Latin stories and be able to translate into and from English. You'll also learn to identify a wide range of linguistic features and be able to pick these out of Latin texts.

For the Literature element, you will study a range of texts and pictures fitting into themes. These themes change every three years and previous ones include *Youth and Education* and *A Day at the Races*. You'll be able to discuss writing techniques and talk about the stories told about life in Ancient Rome.

The third element will be chosen by your Latin department from a choice of two: either a further study of Latin literature or Roman Civilisation. This literature option involves study of two extended stories in Latin and English. These change every two years and previous options have included *Echo and Narcissus* and *Germanicus and Piso*.

Roman Civilisation is a historical study of buildings, pictures, written texts etc to help you understand how the Romans lived, what they believed in and how their society worked. Themes for this choice change every three years and have previously included *Roman Entertainment and Leisure* and *Religion in the Roman World*.



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How will I be assessed?

There are three exams at GCSE. Component 1 (Latin Language) is worth 50% of the qualification and lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. The exam consists of short comprehension questions, a translation into English and either a translation from English or a grammar-identifying exercise.

Component 2 (Latin Literature and Sources) is worth 30% of the qualification and lasts 1 hour 15 minutes. This exam consists of a range of comprehension questions and is an open-book assessment.

Components 3A (Latin Literature) and 3B (Roman Civilisation) are worth 20% of the qualification and last 1 hour. Component 3A is an open-book assessment consisting of a range of comprehension questions. Component 3B consists of a range of comprehension questions and longer written tasks.

What skills will I develop?

Latin is a great subject to develop a number of transferrable skills for further education, work and life:

- interpreting information
- engaging creatively
- analytical skills
- literacy



Careers with Latin?

Studying Latin can open the door to an array of career paths that require use of language. It is an ideal complement to a range of subjects where formal terminology is used, such as law, medicine, teaching and further language study.