

Sixth Form – A Level course Description

Course title: Classical Civilisation

Entry Requirements: Grade B in GCSE English and Grade C in GCSE History

Topics Covered:

In Year 12	In Year 13
<p>1) <u>Content of Greek Theatre:</u> The drama produced in the ancient Greek theatre forms some of the most powerful literature of the ancient world, and has had a profound and wide-reaching influence on modern culture. This study of the production of Greek drama is coupled with an in-depth study of three plays, all of which have proven to be enduring favourites. The themes and concepts explored by these plays are of significant relevance and interest as much to the modern audience as they were to that of the original performance.</p> <p>2) <u>Politics of the Late Roman Republic:</u> In this component learners will study the political thought of the period from Sulla's retirement in 79 BC to the death of Cicero in 43 BC, through examining Marcus Porcius Cato ('Cato the Younger'), Gaius Julius Caesar, and Marcus Tullius Cicero</p>	<p><u>World of the Hero:</u> Learners study Homer's Odyssey as well as Virgil's Aeneid. The poems of Homer were considered by the Greeks themselves to be a foundation of Greek culture, standing as they do at the beginning of the Western literary canon. This component also provides learners with the opportunity to appreciate Virgil's Aeneid, a cornerstone and landmark in Western literature. Drawing inspiration from Homer, as well as from his own cultural and political context, Virgil explored what it was to be a hero in the Roman world.</p>

Exam Board: OCR

Details of Examinations:

In Year 12	In Year 13
OCR Classical Civilisation H408	2 Year course, A level exams completed at end of 2 nd year

Post-18 Progression and Pathways to universities:

There are a range of pathways which Classical Civilisation can offer at university, including:

- History, Classics, Journalism, PPE, Law etc
- Highly valued for its academic rigour

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