

Academic requirements

No previous knowledge is required to take this course, other than an interest in and curiosity about the Ancient Greeks, Archaeology and the effect of both on the world today.

Course Specification – OCR Classical Civilisation H441

Course Summary

- 1. Classical Archaeology** - Study the sites of Mycenae, Pylos and Tiryns. These are the palaces that saw the heroes off to fight in the Trojan War. Marvel at the deeds of Odysseus, Achilles and Hektor as you discover how to dig, survey and record an archaeological site.
- 2. Greek and Roman Narrative**
Read the stories of Odysseus and Aeneas - soldiers of destiny or champions of free will?
- 3. Greek Comedy** - Be transported back to fifth century Athens, take a seat in the theatre of Dionysus and laugh along with the Athenians as men try to sneak into women only festivals and women exact their comic revenge.

Candidates may take an AS or an A level in this course, but be warned: this course is addictive and you may well want to do it for 3 more years at university!

Why Classical Civilisation?

- It's fun, it's new and it certainly isn't boring
- A recognised skill and knowledge-based course that is highly regarded by universities and future employers
- Ancient men are not dust, no more than modern men are lumps of meat
- Understand the past and begin to comprehend current world events
- A core subject that will help you stand out as an educated and interesting young person

A Student's Perspective

'Having the opportunity to study Classics and Archaeology was an incredible experience. I learnt so much about myself as well as understanding the evidence that is needed to comprehend past and current human behaviour and activities. Discussion based lessons, audio visual aids and arm chair travelling all combined to give me a subject knowledge that has lasted long beyond the classroom. It was a great excuse to visit Greece and Egypt and my love of Classics will remain with me no matter what I do in life.'