

# SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM



## LATIN

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### Academic Requirements

At least Grade B at GCSE, an enjoyment of reading and the ability to write essays in English as well as an interest in the detailed study of a language which is challengingly different from English.

### Course Specification: OCR Latin (3818 AS, 7818 A2)

#### Course Summary

- i) Literature – a choice of a prose or verse text or half of two texts in both AS and A2 units. This includes translation and context work.
- ii) Unprepared translation – prose only at AS level and prose and verse at A2. A prescribed vocabulary list helps with AS translation and prescribed authors or genres at A2.
- iii) Comprehension – an unprepared prose passage with questions on the context and grammar of the passage, in English to be answered in English. This is taken only at A2.

Candidates may take the three modules at AS level and ‘bank’ the result to continue to A level with the remaining three modules.

### Why Latin?

Apart from the intrinsic enjoyment of the study of the language and literature themselves, the subject gives an insight into the linguistic and literary inheritance of the modern western world. It combines well with other languages and also with English Literature, History and Classical Studies. It enhances the ability to think logically and to write succinctly, and encourages those organisational thought processes which are essential for the study of most subjects, leading to flexibility in learning new skills.

‘Those very features which encourage awareness of language may also encourage awareness of one’s own thinking and be relevant to the development of intellectual self control with incalculable consequences for the development of the kinds of thinking which are characteristic of logic, mathematics and the sciences.’ (‘Children’s Minds’ Margaret Donaldson)

### A Student’s Perspective

‘I chose to continue studying Latin after GCSE because I like it. It is different from any other subject and is beautifully logical, so can combine equally well with Mathematics or English Literature, which requires the same analytical skills. You have to be organised and willing to learn but it is fun and useful as you learn about so much more than just the language, such as History and Politics and it assists with Modern Languages too.’