

Classical Civilisation



at RHB Sixth Form

Classical Civilisation draws on both the *Greek* and *Roman* world, covering a range of topics and ideas. You will study both *ancient literature* in English translation, giving you the chance to explore and discuss fascinating texts, as well as studying *visual and archaeological sources*, including a range of Greek art and architecture. Classicists are *independent thinkers, analytical*, good at *problem-solving* and *articulate*.

“The depth and breadth of our studies sparked an interest and passion in Classics and Ancient History that I am now studying at University”

ELEANOR, RHB ALUMNA

This course provides learners with a broad, coherent and rewarding study of the literature and culture of the classical world. It offers learners the opportunity to study elements of the literature, visual/material culture and thought of the classical world, and acquire an understanding of their social, historical and cultural contexts.

Over the two-year course, you will study three components:

The World of the Hero (40%) 2 hours 30 mins

In this paper, you study both Homer's *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid*, two of the most influential epic poems in Western Civilisation from both Ancient Greece and Rome. By analysing and comparing both texts in translation we can explore the attitudes and values these epics reveal and can appreciate why they have never lost their impact.

Culture and the Arts (30%) 1 hour 45 mins

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. You will study not only the plays themselves, but the context in which their form and production developed.

Beliefs and Ideas (30%) 1 hour 45 mins

You will study the practicalities of religious ritual, the essential role it played in society, the functions and layout of famous temple complexes and develop your sense of the central role religion played in the life of everyday people.

IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

Classical Civilisation is open to all students and will work well with any combination of subjects. You do not need to have studied GCSE Latin, Greek or Classical Civilisation and will study all ancient literature in English translation. If you enjoy History or English Literature, Psychology, Sociology or Religion and Philosophy, then you can be confident that you will be well-suited to this course. However, if you are interested in life, people and the big ideas and beliefs that shape us, then this subject is most definitely for you!

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Further Education

Royal High Classical Civilisation students have gone on to study university courses including Ancient History and Classical Archaeology at University of Warwick, Classical Civilisation at Swansea and English Literature and Creative Writing at Cardiff.

Careers

Employers know that Classicists can think and write clearly and that they appreciate the value of other cultures and communities. Whether finance, law, politics, academia or media, your classical education will build connections between many modern aspects of life and their roots in the ancient world.

ENRICHMENT

You will be encouraged to extend your study beyond the classroom, through attending lectures and educational visits, including opportunities to visit classical sites in Britain, Italy or Greece. We promote wider reading and advertise relevant visiting author tours. Essay competitions and the Classical Symposium help develop research and presentation skills. All this sets you in good stead for the future, no matter what it holds.

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