

Latin



at RHB Sixth Form

Latin will help your ability to *think cogently* as well as to *write with clarity*, conviction and panache. It underpins the study of other modern foreign languages, such as French, Italian and Spanish, whilst broadening your *vocabulary* in English and developing your *critical thinking* skills. Through analysis of the language, Latin is a perfect *complement* to English Literature as well as *scientific* and *mathematical* studies. The study of Latin offers a bridge between the contemporary world and the civilisations of antiquity.

“My favourite thing about Latin is finding something new with every question I ask, and how each answer leads to ten more questions.”

HEATHER, RHB ALUMNA

COURSE OUTLINE

The study of Latin A Level allows for greater insight into the rich and varied culture of ancient Rome through the study of its diverse literature. The language component of the examination involves the translation and comprehension of unseen passages of Latin from a number of different authors, which will build upon your previous knowledge at GCSE, developing your language skills to tackle more complex passages. The literature component develops your literary analysis and allows you to explore the ideas, beliefs and culture of the ancient world in greater depth.

There is no coursework requirement, but four written examinations as follows:

Unseen Translation	(33%) 1 hour 45 mins
Prose Comprehension	(17%) 1 hour 15 mins
Prose Literature	(25%) 2 hours
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WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Further Education

Many of our students have gone on to study Classics, Classical Studies, Classical Civilisation as well as English and Liberal Arts courses at university, including University of Exeter, University of Oxford, Warwick, St Andrews, and Nottingham.

As Latin combines well with the sciences as well as languages and humanities, our Latin students have also gone on to study Medicine at Exeter, Psychology at Cambridge, and Modern & Medieval Languages at Cambridge.

Careers

Classicists learn skills which employers value. Employers know that Classicists can think and write clearly and that they appreciate the value of other cultures and communities. Although you do not need to study Latin to have a successful career in science or medicine, it undoubtedly helps. Indeed, whether finance or 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.

AS Latin or ICCG Greek is also available as an elective.

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