



# GCSE Latin



## Why study Latin?

Studying this course will allow you to discover the influence of Latin on the English language as you translate key mythological and historical texts from ancient Rome. Delve deeper into this fascinating world of gods and centurions whilst improving your English vocabulary, deepening your communication skills, enhancing your critical thinking and experiencing a new perspective on language.

Exam Board:

**OCR**

## Overview of course content (specification code: J282)

### Components Studied

You will study the following components throughout this course:

#### Language

Within this component, you will develop your knowledge of Latin vocabulary and linguistic structures through reading and studying texts and stories in Latin. You will then demonstrate your linguistic competence through the translation and comprehension of unseen Latin passages.

#### Verse Literature

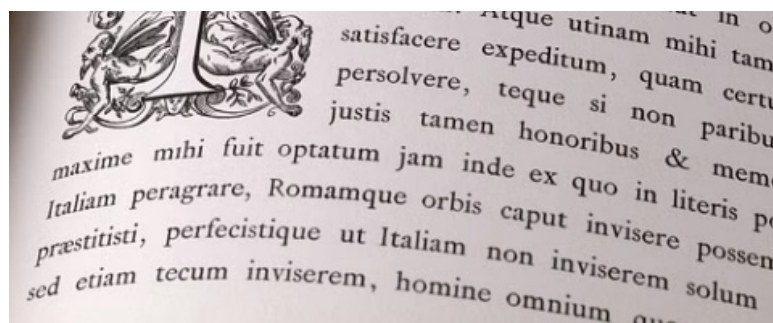
Pupils will study Virgil (arguably the most famous poet of the Augustan age), whose poem the Aeneid charts the Trojan hero Aeneas' journey from the doomed city of Troy to his arrival in Italy, where it is his destiny to found the Roman race. You will read his dramatic description of the Wooden Horse of the Trojan War, the attacking Greek army's stroke of genius which signals the fall of Troy after ten long years of fighting.

#### Literature and Culture

This unit gives us the chance to explore Ancient History through the lens of artefacts and literature. We'll study Roman mythology and Roman Britain (including the Roman army and Roman villas).

### Examination and Assessment

Examination	% of GCSE
<b>Paper 1: Language</b> This paper will be assessed on language translation, comprehension and syntax.  Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes	50%
<b>Paper 2: Verse Literature</b> You will be reading an extract from Virgil's poem in the original Latin. This will test you on your literary appreciation and understanding of 114 lines of Latin. You will be asked to translate a short passage of the set text, answer comprehension and language questions and write a short English essay on a theme which arises in the extract.  Exam duration: 1 hour	25%
<b>Paper 3: Literature and Culture</b> We will be studying ancient source material on two elements of Roman civilisation and culture. This year, these elements will be: Myths and Beliefs and The Romans in Britain. You will be asked to understand and respond to these sources and draw together your knowledge and understanding in some longer answer questions.  Exam duration: 1 hour	25%



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