

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Classical Civilisation

Q 1. What do we study in this A level?

This course is largely based on the literature of the ancient world, but in translation, so you do not need to have studied Latin or Ancient Greek at school, nor Classical Civilisation GCSE. The course is Homer's Odyssey, Virgil's Aeneid, Greek Art and Sculpture, some Ovid, Sappho, Plato and Seneca. You will learn about the ancient Greek and Roman world via its material culture, so how people lived, married, travelled, voted, expressed themselves, their ideas and what they left behind. It therefore compliments many other A levels you can study.

Q 2. Do I need to have studied the ancient world before?

No, just have a keen interest in the ancient world.

Q 3. Do I need to be good at anything to study this subject?

A good qualification in English Lang or Lit is highly advisable. You should definitely enjoy reading as 70% of the course is literature in translation.

Q 4. What Enrichment opportunities are there?

Usually a study tour to Greece, visits to museums, lectures at Manchester University by specialists in the ancient world.

Q 5. What can I do with my A level in Classical Civilisation?

As it is a literature-based A level the course is useful if you want to have a profession as a journalist and historian. Equally, your ability to understand ancient cultures and form an argument are good in professions in business or law. The Greek Art component provides good knowledge if you intend to go in to architecture or design.

Q 6. How much reading do we do?

We do a lot of reading in class together, and all students should continue to read at home to keep the literature fresh in their minds



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and therefore able to continue to contribute to lessons during the two years.

Q 7. How big are the classes?

Between 15 and 22 students in each class.

Q 8. What subjects work well with the study of the ancient world?

English Literature, History, Politics, Sociology, Art and Design.

Q 9. I primarily want to study science and maths, how can Classical Civilisation help me with those subjects?

As a written subject, it will support your ability to write at length, communicate, evaluate and form judgements, which are needed in any profession.

Q 10. What do students study at university after A level Classical Civilisation?

Some students go on to study Archaeology, Ancient History, Classics (languages), Classical Civilisation, Anthropology, Philosophy, English, History and International Relations, to name just a few courses.

