

**This subject is open to all who have studied the subject at GCSE. The essence of the course is the development of the ability to read original Latin texts and analyse their presentation of the authors and of the Roman world. Students will have the opportunity to give a personal response to the poetry and prose which they study.**

Latin is universally respected by universities and employers as a thorough intellectual examination. The subject combines well with any Modern Language, but also with Humanities subjects (particularly Classical Civilisation) and English. It is also profitably studied in conjunction with scientific courses to provide the broad curriculum base sought by universities.

Latin can be continued at university as part of a Classics degree, or in conjunction with a Modern Language. Increasingly, pupils are continuing their studies of the Classical World at university. Students who may wish to apply for Oxbridge to read Classics should choose both Latin and Classical Civilisation at A Level.

### **The subject is divided into three key areas:**

#### ***Translation from Latin to English***

Students will build on the work which they have done at GCSE. Their vocabulary will be broadened and they will gain a deeper understanding of grammatical structures. Such are the demands of GCSE Latin that pupils will have covered most of the constructions which they need for A Level by the time they have finished the GCSE course.

#### ***Translation from English to Latin***

This will be a relatively new skill to the students although it will build on the English to Latin work done lower down the school.

#### ***Analysis of Ancient Literature***

Students will develop the analytical skills gained in the GCSE course. They will learn to analyse critically the literary style, characterisation, argument and literary meaning of two chosen set texts.

Prose: we will be studying one of Cicero's speeches. Cicero is a powerful and occasionally amusing legal orator.

Verse: we will be studying The Aeneid by Virgil, the celebrated Roman epic which describes the journey of Aeneas from the ashes of Troy to Italy.

We will be following the OCR syllabus. No coursework is set in this subject.

