

Curriculum Intent

Curriculum Vision - Classics

A' Level Classical Civilisation provides learners with an exciting and thoroughly engaging study of the literature and culture of the classical world. Building on the skill learned and developed in GCSE English, History...students will study some of the greatest and most influential literature, visual/material culture and thought of the classical world, and acquire an understanding of their social, historical and cultural contexts.

The range and diversity of the material means that the subject never gets boring and the ability to handle and process such a variety of source material makes our students some of the best equipped for a range of university and employment opportunities in this rapidly changing world. Indeed, Classics students are among the most highly sought after for a massive range of careers. Classics does tend to promote an ongoing fascination and you should be warned, it can become highly addictive! Many of our students have taken their A level studies further and achieved Classics degrees with some going on to successfully study at Masters and PhD level. Others have found the breadth of their A level studies in Classics extremely beneficial for a range of university degrees in other subjects from English literature and History to Law, Politics, the sciences and medicine.

In order to bring the subject to life, we try to maintain a busy extra-curricular schedule hosting visiting lecturers and attending museums, universities and other schools to participate in events. We run an extremely popular trip to Rome where students are able to experience first-hand the sites and artefacts they have been studying and our links with some of the top universities means we are at the forefront for any new innovations in the subject. In fact, our students have participated in several national initiatives designed to advocate the study of Classics in state schools and have appeared in promotional videos for the campaign. Both in the classroom and beyond, we ensure our students can fully engage with the subject and develop their interests rather than simply studying 'how to pass the exam' and to facilitate and promote independent learning, we have an extensive e-book library which students are encouraged to use.

All students will

- acquire a sophisticated level of knowledge and understanding of the literature and culture of the classical world through studying a diverse range of ancient material and making connections and comparisons between them
- understand classical literature, thought and material culture in its context; including how issues and values relevant to the society in which they were created are reflected in ancient sources and materials
- further develop skills of critical analysis and evaluation and apply these to the range of source materials studied in order to gain insight into aspects of the classical world
- articulate an informed response to the material studied, using a range of appropriate evidence to formulate coherent arguments with substantiated evidence-based judgements
- acquire a sound basis for further study of the classical world.

Successful navigation of the subject within the world

- Our Classics curriculum aims to equip our students with the ability to relate their learning and understanding to current global and national events, particularly in relation to different forms of government and how they relate to the societies which they serve.
- Classics is a highly diverse subject that will empower our students to work in a range of future fields such as banking and finance, law, human resources, journalism, research...

My Classical Journey

