

## Classical Civilisation GCSE (Optional)

**Board: OCR**

**Course content:**

Students will study material from ancient Greece and Rome, and their surrounding worlds, drawn of the time period of 3000 BC to 500 AD. They will study literature, visual and material culture and their social, cultural and historical contexts. The course is made up of two component, one is a thematic study which gives the students the opportunity to study both Greece and Rome, the other component is a cultural study which is coupled with studying literature. This enables students to study a variety of material across different social and cultural contexts.

Units:

<b>Myth and Religion (J199/11)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greek and Roman gods</li><li>• The myths of Hercules in ancient Greece and Rome</li><li>• Religion in the city: Temples</li><li>• Foundation myths of ancient cities (Athens &amp; Rome)</li><li>• Religious Festivals</li><li>• Religion in art</li><li>• Death and Burial</li><li>• The Underworld</li></ul>
<b>Roman City Life (J199/22)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leisure &amp; Entertainment – The amphitheatre (shows at the Colosseum), gladiators, chariot races, theatres, public baths.</li><li>• The Roman Home and Family Life – children lives, education, family structure &amp; housing.</li><li>• Roman Society – the elite, the knights, the freedmen and slaves.</li><li>• Experiencing city life – dangers of the city, life of the rich and poor, food and dinner parties.</li><li>• Cities: Rome, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Ostia.</li></ul>

Skills:

Classics provides students with a wide range of transferable skills which can be useful for studying other subjects such as History, English, and Art. It equips you with the ability to deal with complex information and compare aspects of ancient life across different time periods and civilisations. It also develops written and verbal communication and the ability to think critically and independently.

In preparation for their assessments, students will be taught how to:

- Understand, interpret and analyse a range of evidence from classical sources (literature, visual, and material culture)
- Evaluate and use evidence to form judgements.
- Write in a clear, concise and logical way.
- Use specific terminology in ancient Greek/Latin (this will be explicitly taught where relevant).

**Assessment:**

Classical Civilisation GCSE is assessed through two examinations. There is no controlled

assessment element.

Examinations:

- Paper 1: Myth and Religion (Thematic Study)
  - 1 hour 30 minutes
  - 50% of total GCSE
- Paper 2: Roman City Life (Cultural Study)
  - 1 hour 30 minutes
  - 50% of total GCSE

**For further details, please see Mr. L Jones**