

## LATIN

Latin is available as an option in the curriculum at KS4. A 3 year Latin course leads to a GCSE in Latin (Eduqas)

We follow the Cambridge Latin Course, which teaches the Latin Language and the cultural background of everyday life in different parts of the Roman Empire through stories in Latin. The stories build plots full of intrigue and suspense and are full of interesting characters, many developed from historical evidence. The stories are set in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, beginning in Pompeii a few months before the eruption of Vesuvius. The course is very well illustrated with artefacts from the period and looks at numerous fascinating topics from slavery to religion. It is accompanied by a CD with dramatisations of the stories and short videos about different aspects of the Roman World. On line vocabulary testers are also available!

You will learn to make connections between Latin and English (and other European languages) and be encouraged to work out the meaning of new words for yourself. You will practise pattern recognition and learning, and anticipation of grammatical forms. In Latin you will be asked to think for yourself to recognise and work out new endings rather than being given them in advance. Comprehension skills and the ability to translate accurately are built up over the course.

Learning Latin has been described as giving you 'x-ray vision' for the English Language. Although much everyday speech comes from Anglo Saxon roots, our more 'advanced' vocabulary usually derives from Latin. Your comprehension of English will improve enormously, as well as your grasp of spelling and grammar.

The values and attitudes of the Romans were in some ways very different from our own, in other ways remarkably similar. Studying Latin will help you to look at modern values with a much more critical eye!

Assessment is by examination only. There are three exams taken in year 11:

1. A Latin Language paper where you will be asked to answer comprehension questions and translate passages of Latin into English.
2. A thematic (e.g. texts about chariot-racing) set text paper translating and examining Latin literature studied in class.
3. A narrative (e.g. a myth) set text paper translating and examining Latin literature studied in class.

If you plan to apply for an academic subject at university (from Medicine to History or English Language), a qualification in Latin will be useful, and will help you to stand out from the crowd.

For the supporting website, stories and vocabulary testers please see <http://www.cambridgescp.com>