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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM GUIDE

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least grade 6 in GCSE English Language.

It is not necessary to have studied this subject at GCSE in order to take it at A Level.



Today, understanding how things like gender, race, power and selfhood are constructed by a society is hugely important.

An A Level in Classical Civilisation gives you the tools to do this, and provides a rich and stimulating selection of material to explore; be it plays exploring psychological upheaval to religious monuments, pivotal moments in political history to philosophical discussions of love. No knowledge of Latin or Greek is needed by you, and no familiarity of the Classical world is assumed, you need only to have gained a 6 or above in GCSE English language.

The ancients have left an indelible mark on modern Europe, and beyond, but that influence also allows us to explore our understanding of cultures different to our own; a hugely important issue.

So if you find the ancient world fascinating - for its people, mythology, gods, art, poetry, philosophy or politics, and you would like a subject at A Level which will see you debating and discussing real issues which offer a sound basis for further literary, artistic, historical or cultural study, then Classical Civilisation is for you.



“Classical Civilisation is a brilliant subject to take if you like variety and want to keep your options open for the future.” Year 13 Classical Civilisation Student

YOU WILL STUDY

A broad yet coherent range of topics:

1. The World of The Hero

In depth study of Greek and Roman epic, including the oldest surviving works of literature in the Western literary tradition. You will study either Homer's Iliad or Odyssey and Virgil's Aeneid.

Assessment by written paper which comprises 40% of total A Level.

2. Culture and the Arts:

Study one of the following components, which focus on visual/material culture and literature in translation (apart from Greek Art, which is solely focussed on visual/material culture).

- Greek Theatre
- Imperial Image
- Invention of the Barbarian
- Greek Art

Assessment by written paper which comprises 30% of the total A Level.

3. Beliefs and Ideas

Study one of the following components, which focus on classical thought, and include both visual/material culture and literature in translation.

- Greek Religion
- Love and Relationships
- Politics of the Late Republic
- Democracy and the Athenians

Assessment is by written paper which comprises 30% of the total A Level.

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION AND YOU

One of the really exciting aspects of this course is its diversity, and the way it enables you to study your favourite aspects of Greek and Roman societies, and integrate these with new discoveries. The subject encourages debate about important issues, and draws on personal experience.

You will develop critical literary, historical and art-historical skills and improve your capacity for evaluative insight and logical argumentation. These skills are all readily transferable across different subjects. Offering inclusive yet in-depth study of cultures and societies, Classical Civilisation sits well beside many subject combinations, providing variety and promoting a broad skill-set which is often appreciated by employers and gives you options going forward.

An A Level in Classical Civilisation can benefit those going on to both Higher Education and into employment. Those who study Classics have gone on to diverse career pathways, including medicine, music, law, forensic science, dentistry, journalism, marketing, the media industry, politics, research, the heritage industry, the police and even teaching!



*Click here to watch the course introductory video
from Head of Classics, Dr Danielle Frisby*

In order to join us in the Sixth Form, we require an average of grade 6 across eight GCSE subjects, including English and Mathematics. See individual subjects for any specific requirements for study at A Level.

For detailed course information on all of the A Level subjects please visit the AQA, Edexcel or OCR websites.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the admissions process, please call 0115 935 4444 or email admissions@not.gdst.net



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