



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM GUIDE

LATIN

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least grade 7 in GCSE Latin.



DO YOU ENJOY...

- the **challenge** of translation and textual analysis?
- **exploration** of connections between different languages?
- **investigation** into a different culture via its creative outputs?

Students who have enjoyed the GCSE course will find more to interest and inspire them in the A Level course. They should also find the transition to A Level eminently manageable.

"Latin opens up a whole new world. It is different and challenging, and it helps me to think critically and logically."

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study both language and literature, with texts which are highly relevant for today's world, which will see you considering real issues such as constructions of power, the art of story-telling, gendered discourse and relationships. You will develop your intellectual skills, as we foster independence of thought and learning so that you will be ready to take on the challenges of university or employment.

You will be introduced to the works of key authors including Ovid and Apuleius, as well as Virgil and Tacitus.

You'll be looking at the literary, historical and political context

which formed them, giving an informed personal response and developing your critical skills of analysis and translation to a greater depth than ever before.

HOW WILL I STUDY?

You'll look at Virgil and Tacitus in Y12, then in Y13 your further prose and verse author will be studied and your linguistic skills will be developed with passages for unseen translation from Roman authors and prose composition.

A typical week will see you preparing the set text before the lesson, ready to put forward and defend your own ideas and interpretations in discussion, and developing your translation skills by extending your vocabulary and knowledge of Latin grammar.

The process of translating Latin appeals to those who like working through a task logically and will help you to use English with greater precision.

siquid habent veri vatum praesagia, vivam.

*"If the foresight of poets has any truth, I will live on."
(Ovid, Metamorphoses)*

LATIN AND YOU

Latin A Level provides a balance for STEM subjects and combines well Arts subjects. Classicists are often highly regarded by universities and employers, who value the critical and analytical skills it fosters.

*Click here to watch the course introductory video
from Head of Latin, 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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