

Scheme of Work – GCSE Classical Civilisation (AQA 1321)

In Years 10 and 11 Classical Civilisation is a popular option and pupils follow the AQA specification.

The Scheme of Assessment provides two tiers of papers: Foundation (C - G) and Higher (A* - D).

At the end of the GCSE course there are two written papers;

Written Paper 1 (40% of total marks) Greek and Latin Literature in Translation

Paper 1F 1½ hours	Short and extended answer questions on two topics
Paper 1H 1¾ hours	Short and extended answer questions on two topics.

Written Paper 2 (40% of total marks) Greek and Roman Civilisation

Paper 2F 1½ hours	Short and extended answer questions on two topics
Paper 2H 1¾ hours	Short and extended answer questions on two topics.

Pupils also complete centre-assessed **coursework** which is worth 20% of total marks and consists of three assignments, each of approximately 750 words, on one topic.

In **Year 10** pupils study one literary topic (Plautus' *The Pot of Gold and The Swaggering Soldier*) and one civilisation topic (Athenian Social Life). Each of these topics is taught during each of the double lessons during the Autumn and Spring terms.

Coursework is completed during the Summer term and both class time and homework time is required for its completion. Generally one double lesson each week is spent teaching each item and the second double lesson is spent in the computer room so that pupils can write up their item of coursework under supervision. The allocated homework time is usually spent reading, researching, preparing answers for a discussion or completing the writing up of an item.

In **Year 11** pupils study one literary topic (Virgil *Selections from the Aeneid*) and one civilisation topic (Pompeii and Herculaneum). Each of these topics is taught during each of the double lessons during the Autumn and Spring terms. Lessons in the Summer term are used for revision of all four examination topics.