

Classical Civilisation

Awarding Body: Students follow the AQA Classical Civilisation Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE Courses.

Course Content and Examination Requirements

This subject allows students to study aspects of the Greek and Roman worlds through history, literature in translation and archaeological evidence. It is not necessary for students to have studied GCSE Classical Civilisation nor GCSE Latin but it is essential for them to have a good command of English.

Year 12	Year 13
AS Level Units	A2 Units leading to a full Advanced GCE
Two units are taken in Year 12. The choice of topic may vary year by year.	Two units are taken in Year 13. The choice of topic may vary year by year.
Unit 1 – Women in Athens and Rome 1½ hr Exam 50% marks	Unit 3 - Greek Tragedy 1½ hr Exam 50% marks
Unit 2 – Homer <i>Odyssey</i> 1½ hr Exam 50% marks	Unit 4 - Roman Epic (Virgil's <i>Aeneid</i>) 1½ hr Exam 50% marks

Students take part in Study Days at the universities of Durham and Newcastle. Every opportunity is made to visit appropriate Roman sites in the North-East e.g. Segedunum and Arbeia. Where possible, visiting speakers are invited to discuss associated topics, and arrangements are made for visits to see productions of Greek tragedies and attend University Classics conferences.

Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

This is a very popular and highly successful subject. Some students take a degree in Classical Civilisation, Archaeology or Ancient History and go on to careers in museum and archive work, teaching and educational media. Others use the subject as a qualification for a variety of arts based degrees and careers in management and the civil service.

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