

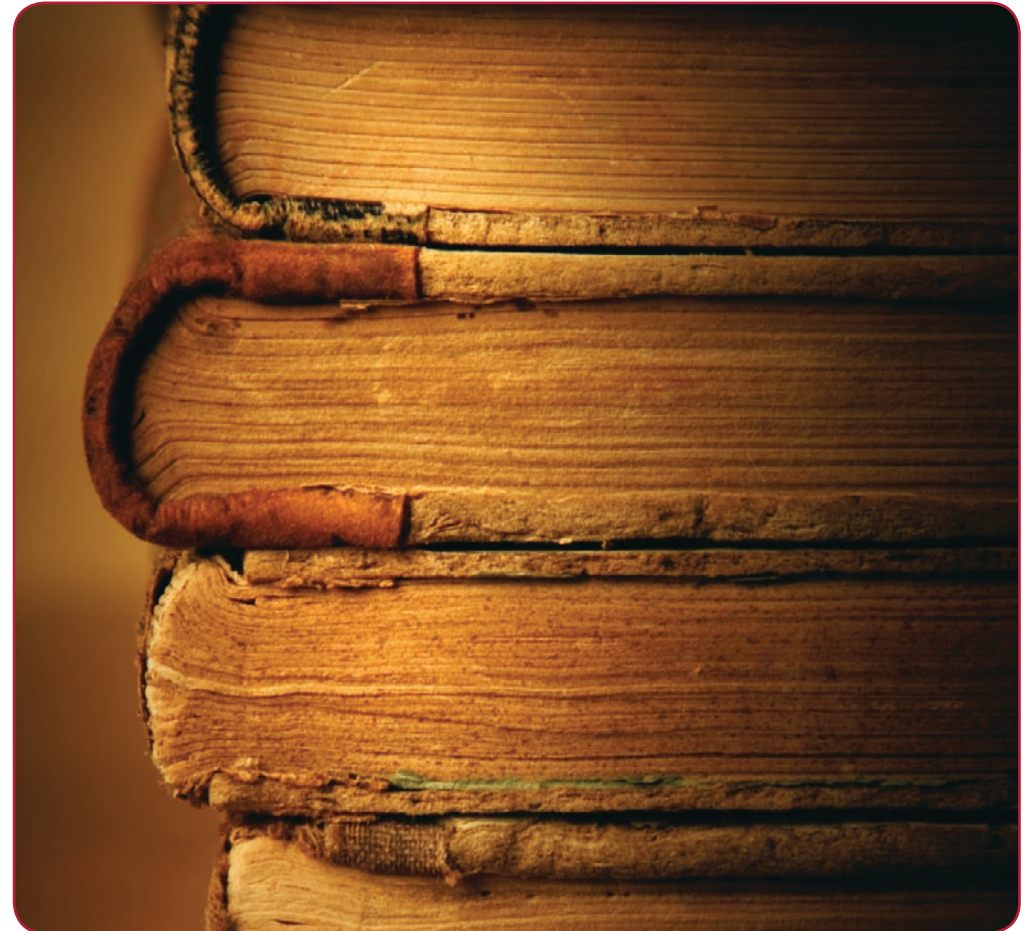
OCR A Level Classics

H038 and H438:

Information for OCR centres transferring to **new specifications for first teaching in 2008**

This document outlines the new specifications for first teaching in September 2008. It includes information on the changes, support available and an outline of the new specifications. It is intended to help ease the transition for Heads of Department and Teachers involved in the teaching of Classics.

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Candidates must complete four units, any two AS units and any two A2 units; the units must be selected from **at least two subjects**.

	New unit title	New unit code	Benefits to me and my learners	Support
AS	Latin Language	L1 (F361) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unseen Latin prose, tested by translation. Optional translation of English sentences into Latin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen assessment materials. Recommended reading lists. e-community on the OCR website.
AS	Latin Verse and Prose Literature	L2 (F362) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed verse and prose texts 	
AS	Classical Greek Language	G1 (F371) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unseen Greek prose, tested by translation. Optional translation of English sentences into Greek. 	
AS	Classical Greek Verse and Prose Literature	G2 (F372) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed verse and prose texts. 	
AS	Archaeology: Mycenae and the Classical World	CC1 (F381) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mycenaean archaeology, art and architecture. Principles and practices of archaeological methodology. 	
AS	Homer's Odyssey and Society	CC2 (F382) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homer's Odyssey and the society and values it represents. 	

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AS	Roman Society and Thought	CC3 (F383) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roman society and history through a study of Roman literature (Pliny's Letters and examples of satire from Horace, Petronius and Juvenal). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen assessment materials. Recommended reading lists e-community on the OCR website
AS	Greek Tragedy and its context	CC4 (F384) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides, as works of literature and as social documents. 	
AS	Greek Historians	CC5 (F385) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical texts by Thucydides, Herodotus and Plutarch. 	
AS	City Life in Roman Italy	CC6 (F386) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Ostia in their social, cultural, political and historical contexts. 	
AS	Greek History from original sources	AH1 (F491) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<p>Candidates develop skills in handling original evidence as an historian. Candidates choose from one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athenian Democracy in the 5th Century BC Delian League to Athenian Empire Politics and Society of Ancient Sparta 	
AS	Roman History from original sources	AH2 (F492) Optional 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<p>Candidates develop skills in handling original evidence as an historian. Candidates choose from one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cicero and political life in late republican Rome Augustus and the Principate Britain in the Roman Empire 	

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A2	Latin Verse	L3 (F363) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed verse text. • Unseen Latin verse, tested via comprehension and translation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specimen assessment materials. • Recommended reading lists • e-community on the OCR website
A2	Latin Prose	L4 (F364) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed prose text. • Unseen Latin Prose, tested via comprehension and translation. • Optional prose composition from English into Latin. 	
A2	Classical Greek Verse	G3 (F373) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed verse text. • Unseen Greek verse, tested via comprehension and translation. 	
A2	Classical Greek Prose	G4 (F374) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed prose text. • Unseen Greek Prose, tested via comprehension and translation. • Optional prose composition from English into Greek. 	
A2	Roman Britain	CC7 (F387) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romano-British society and history as depicted in the literary and archaeological record. 	
A2	Art and Architecture in the Greek World	CC8(F388) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sculpture, vase painting and architecture of the Classical Greek world. 	

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A2	Comic Drama in the Ancient World	CC9 (F389) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The works of Aristophanes, Menander and Plautus in their historical, literary and cultural contexts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen assessment materials. Recommended reading lists. e-community on the OCR website.
A2	The Epic and Age of Augustus	CC10 (F390) Optional 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virgil's Epic, the <i>Aeneid</i> and its central position within the methodology and the Augustan regime. Parts of Homer's <i>Iliad</i>. 	
A2	Greek History: conflict and culture	AH3 (F493) Optional 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<p>Candidates build on the skills and knowledge gained at AS and apply these to broader historical themes and issues. Candidates choose from one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greece and Persia, 499 – 449 BC Greece in conflict, 460 – 403 BC The culture of Athens, 449 – 399 BC 	
A2	Roman History: the use and abuse of power	AH4 (F494) Optional 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<p>Candidates build on the skills and knowledge gained at AS and apply these to broader historical themes and issues. Candidates choose from one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fall of the Roman Republic, 81 – 31 BC The invention of Imperial Rome, 31 BC – AD 96 Ruling the Roman Empire, AD 14-117 	