

Introduction to GCSE Classical Civilisation

Why study Classical Civilisation?

This subject will give you the opportunity to study the archaeology, art, literature, politics, social history, religion and philosophy of the Classical Greek and Roman worlds. Particular areas of study include Pompeii, the ancient Olympic Games, Greek Drama, Homer's *Odyssey* and *Iliad*, Virgil and Roman Entertainments. As well as being fascinating and inspiring, this course will help you develop analytical skills and intellectual flexibility which will be useful in a wide range of jobs or in further study.

You will study:

- * Either two civilisation and three literature topics or three civilisation and two literature topics. You can study both Greek and Roman topics or concentrate on either Greece or Rome;
- * Topic areas include Greek and Roman Religion, Home and Family Life, Art and Architecture, Pompeii, Roman Britain, Homer, Greek Tragedy and Comedy, Virgil and Ovid.

You will learn:

- * How to appreciate different cultures;
- * How to read and appreciate literature in translation within its cultural context;
- * How to communicate clearly and effectively.

Assessment:

There is a choice between two levels of entry for this examination: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level the grades available are G-C. At Higher level the grades available are D-A*. You will take either five topics from Papers 1 and 2 or four topics from these papers and coursework.

Coursework

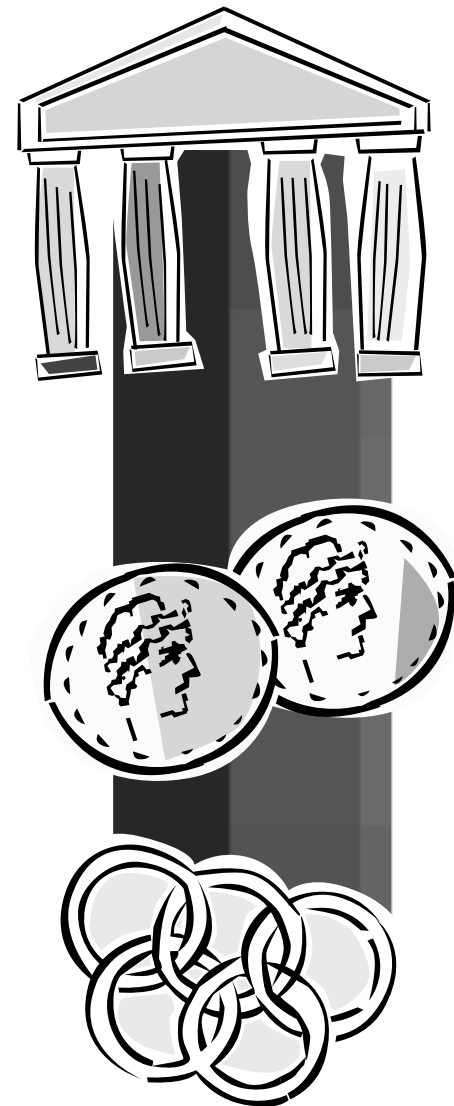
You can produce a single 3000-word piece or two 1500-word pieces. You can write about any of the topics covered in the written paper or any subject of a classical nature. You can also substitute coursework for one of the topics from the written paper.

Paper 1 (Greek and Roman Civilisation Topics)

This paper consists of ten topics. You will take either two topics from this paper, examined in 1 hour 45 minutes, or three topics, examined in 2 hours 15 minutes.

Paper 2 (Greek and Roman Literature Topics)

This paper consists of ten topics. You will take either two topics from this paper, examined in 1 hour 45 minutes or three topics, examined in 2 hours 15 minutes.



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