

Why study Classical Greek?

This subject gives you the opportunity to study the language and literature of classical Greece, reading the works of famous authors such as Homer, Euripides, Herodotus, and Plato. You experience elements of the culture, language and social and political life of the Greek civilisation which has inspired many later generations. As well as being exciting and inspiring, this course helps you develop analytical skills and intellectual flexibility which will be useful in a wide range of jobs or in further study.

What Areas of Study are available?

- Greek Language; you learn to read Greek texts in their original language;
- Greek Literature; you read set texts by authors such as Euripides, Homer, Herodotus and Plato;
- Greek Civilisation studied through Greek sources; you study simple inscriptions, photographs of buildings and artefacts and short passages in English about Greek society. This area of study is optional.



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What will I learn?

- you will develop a sensitive and analytical approach to language generally, including an awareness of the relationship between Greek and the languages of today;
- you will come to appreciate different cultures;
- you will learn how to read texts in Greek;
- you will read and appreciate Greek literature in its cultural context and in its original language;
- you will learn how to communicate clearly and effectively.



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What exam papers will I take?

For the full GCSE course, you take Papers 1 and 2, and **two** of Papers 3, 4 or 5. For the GCSE short course, you take Paper 1 and **one** of Papers 3, 4 or 5.

Unit B401 (Language 1 (Mythology and domestic life): 1 hour)

The Greek passages on this exam paper tell a story or stories drawn from mythology or Greek domestic life. You will answer some comprehension questions and translate a small extract of Greek into English.

Unit B402 (Language 2 (History): 1 hour)

The Greek passages on this exam paper recount a story or stories drawn from history. You will answer some comprehension questions and translate a short passage of Greek into English.

Unit B403 (Prose Literature: 1 hour)

You will answer comprehension and literary appreciation questions on the prose texts you have studied in class.

Unit B404 (Verse Literature: 1 hour)

You will answer comprehension and literary appreciation questions on the verse texts you have studied in class.

Unit B405 (Sources for Greek: 1 hour)

You will answer short questions based on stimulus passages or illustrations and write an extended response based on sources as evidence for life in Greek society.



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