



A Level Classical Civilisation

What will I study?

Classical Civilisation explores the literature, history, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. You will study epic poetry such as Homer's *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid*, examining heroic narratives, mythological themes, and ancient values. You'll also explore Greek theatre, including plays by Sophocles and Euripides, and investigate the political, social, and philosophical ideas that shaped classical societies. The course encourages critical thinking and analysis of ancient texts, art, and archaeological evidence, helping you understand how classical ideas continue to influence the modern world.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through written examinations at the end of the course. There are typically three papers covering different aspects of classical literature and culture. Each paper involves essay-style questions that test your ability to analyse texts, interpret historical sources, and construct well-supported arguments.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above and GCSE English Language at grade 5 or above, with no additional GCSE subject requirements for this course.

Where will this course lead?

Classical Civilisation is highly regarded by universities and employers for its emphasis on analytical thinking, communication, and cultural awareness. It can lead to degree-level study in Classics, History, Archaeology, Philosophy, English Literature, or related humanities subjects. You may also choose to pursue a degree-level apprenticeship or a Higher Education course at Milton Keynes College. Career paths include law, journalism, teaching, museum and heritage work, and roles in the creative industries.

What combines well with this subject?

Classical Civilisation complements subjects such as History, English Literature, Philosophy, Politics, and Drama. It pairs well with any humanities or arts subject that involves critical reading, discussion, and interpretation.