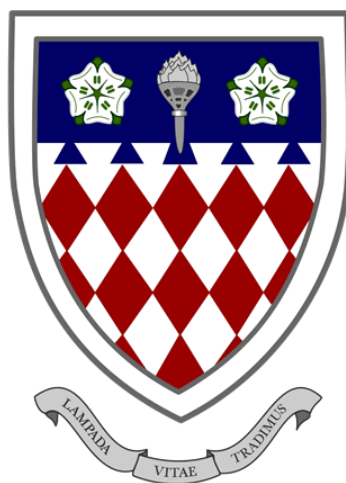


# Spalding High School Sixth Form

## A Level Classical Civilisation



## Why Choose A Level Classical Civilisation?

Classical Civilisation focuses on the civilisations of Greece and Rome, and is a wide ranging subject involving the study of literature, material culture, ancient thought and ideas, and the ancient historical context. You do not need to know any languages, all the texts are in translation, and it does not matter if you have not studied the Greeks and Romans since primary school; all you need is an interest in the ancient world and its cultures. If you like literature and are interested in History then you will enjoy Classical Civilisation.

## What career paths might I follow with A Level Classical Civilisation?

The study of A Level Classical Civilisation can often lead to the university-level study of Classics, Drama, English, History, History of Art, Philosophy and Politics. Students who study Classical Civilisation have gone on to study in such diverse disciplines as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Chemistry! It is not only those looking to attend university who benefit from the study of Classical Civilisation. From the proven ability to write a well-structured extended response to the acknowledgement of the views of others and a culturally sensitive approach to these, Classics puts students in an excellent position to seek employment and opportunities.

## What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

The course is divided equally between Roman and Greek topics. The new OCR course offers a study of “The World of the Hero” analysing two significant literary texts: the Odyssey and the Aeneid. Then two further components that will focus on classical culture and classical beliefs: Greek theatre and Love and Relationships; again, offering a balance between Greek and Roman cultures. Students not only acquire specific knowledge, but also important transferable skills such as analysing sources and developing independent, critical and evaluative approaches. They learn to formulate and support an argument and gain a valuable understanding of cultures very different to their own. All assessments are written exams; questions range from quick factual knowledge of places, people and context to longer evaluative essays which ask students to respond in a critical approach to the texts studied for each component, considering the context, culture and audience of when it was written.

## What do our students say about A Level Classical Civilisation?

*‘Classical Civilisation is one of the most enjoyable lessons for me at A-Level. The lessons are fun and interactive, sometimes including heated debates or thought-provoking discussions. It’s really exciting to see the parallels between our modern world and that of the Ancient Greeks, and also to see learn about their society. ‘*

*‘To begin with I chose subjects that I thought Universities would want to see e.g. Maths, Physics etc. I am so glad that I learnt that Class Civ has equal weighting to those subjects (depending on what you want to do) and now it is my favourite A Level subject! It is more interesting and enjoyable that I ever could have imagined! ‘*

*‘Classical Civilisation at A Level is a varied and interesting course that involves learning lots of exciting things. I particularly enjoyed studying Greek tragedy and learning about the methods that the Greek tragedians used to shock and engage their audiences. As part of Classical Civilisation I Have been able to go to Greece and visit all of the ancient sites we have studied. I also had the opportunity to see a Greek tragedy and comedy performed in Ancient Greek. In the last two years studying Classical Civilisation I have enjoyed every topic and have been able to develop my skills in writing and evaluation: something that will be really useful. ‘*

## **Specification**

Exam Board - OCR

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-classical-civilisation-h008-h408-from-2017/>

## **Entry requirements**

If not studied previously at least GCSE Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature

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