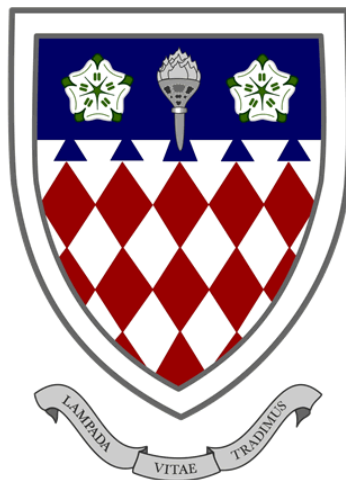


Spalding High School Sixth Form

A Level Latin



Why Choose A Level Latin?

If you wanted to invent a language that would show you with crystal clarity how language basically worked, you would invent Latin. That is why those lucky enough to study it just to age 16 have valued it so highly.

A Level Latin offers a rich study of the roots of the higher registers of our language, an ease with romance languages and complex modes of persuasive speech and argument. With the official focus on literacy levels in recent years the study of the ancient world is becoming ever more popular and relevant.

Not only do all Classics subjects involve extended writing, developing core essay and analysis skills, but the act of learning an ancient language can be invaluable in improving the English language skills of students: Latin and Greek are not dead **THEY ARE IMMORTAL!**

What career paths might I follow with A Level Latin?

A Level Latin can often lead to the university-level study of Classics, Drama, English, History, History of Art, Philosophy and Politics. Ancient languages are mentioned as being helpful for those wishing to study History. More than half of classics graduates are in full-time employment six months after graduating, while almost a third go on to further study or combine further study with work. The government and the police form a major source of employment for classics graduates; with roles in areas such as information management, administration, investigation and heritage. Publishing, finance and legal sectors are also popular employment destinations.

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

The course is 50% Language focused and 50% Literature. Students will be expected to take their understanding of vocabulary, grammar and syntax to the next level to ensure they can accurately and sympathetically translate from both Latin to English and English to Latin.

The literature will focus on both prose and verse authors and students will have a chance to study texts in their original language and be asked to analyse and evaluate the authors' style and purpose for writing as well as understanding the wider cultural context in which the text was written, thereby gaining an insight to the socio-political and economic issues of the time. Assessment is by written examinations.

What do our students say about A Level Latin?

'Whilst challenging and a lot of hard work at first, it is definitely a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Being such a close-knit group we all work together well and have a lot of fun, especially on trips. The benefits of this immortal language are huge.'

'Although challenging, Latin is a rewarding subject with cross-curricular benefits that can help you to better understand other languages. There are also multiple elements to the course with both language and literature aspects. It is overall a rewarding and interesting and worthwhile subject.'

'Latin is a challenging A Level, yet it is an exceptionally rewarding and immensely interesting subject. Whilst requiring hard work and determination, the benefits of studying Latin cannot be understated.'

Specification

Exam Board—OCR

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-latin-h043-h443-from-2016/>

Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Latin

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