

Component 1: The World of the Hero

Pupils will study Homer's *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid* in order for them to develop an increasingly sophisticated level of knowledge and understanding of epics. This will be in the form of literary analysis, considering their composition, structure, and plot, as well as considering the morals and culture it reflects and the social and religious context it was written in. Pupils will also consider key academic debates and the difference between scholar's views about these epic poems, using these debates to strengthen their analysis and argument. As a cornerstone of Western literature, pupils will also consider differing readings and interpretations as a modern reader.

Component 2: Culture and the Arts – Imperial Image

The idea of a politician 'spinning' their image is one which is very familiar in our contemporary media, and so this exploration of the Roman politician Augustus Caesar and his propaganda campaign is relevant to modern day learners. Examining the literature and visual culture of the period, pupils will examine the ways in which he manipulated his image and how this changed throughout his reign. Pupils will use scholar's views to assess the effectiveness of his public image in terms of its religious, political, and social impact.

Component 3: Beliefs and Ideas – Greek religion

This component considers Greek religion, as an essential part of Ancient Greek identity. Looking at religion's connection to the household, life in the city or the countryside, and politics, pupils will gain a rich sense of Greek life and identity. Pupils will consider literary and visual sources to consider the nature of religion and the depiction of the gods, as well as the tensions caused by the rise of philosophical thinking, such as the ideas of Socrates.

Examinations

Component 1: Exam – 2 hours 20 minutes (40% of the qualification)

Component 2: Exam – 1 hour 45 minutes (30% of the qualification)

Component 3: Exam – 1 hour 45 minutes (30% of the qualification)

Supra-curricular and trips

Pupils will have the opportunity to attend a Sixth Form study day at the University of Cambridge to hear lectures by university professors related to their A-level courses, as well as finding out more about studying Classics at a top university.

Competitions and further outreach events, such as the chance to attend taster sessions in Ancient languages, are also advertised to pupils.