



*Latin GCSE*  
Curriculum



# *GCSE Latin (OCR J282)*

## **Introduction**

This document outlines what students will learn in their GCSE Latin course. The course follows the OCR GCSE Latin syllabus and is designed to develop students' ability to read, understand, and translate Latin texts, as well as to appreciate the cultural context of the Roman world.

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### *Aims*

The Latin course aims to:

- Develop students' ability to read and understand Latin texts of increasing difficulty.
- Enhance students' knowledge of Latin grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.
- Foster students' understanding of Roman history, culture, and society.
- Encourage students to develop their analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Prepare students for the OCR GCSE Latin examination.

### *What The Student Will Learn*

#### *Language Skills*

Students will develop their ability to:

- Read and understand Latin texts, including prose and poetry.
- Translate Latin into English accurately and fluently.
- Analyse Latin grammar and syntax.
- Build a strong Latin vocabulary.

#### *Cultural Understanding*

Students will learn about:

- Roman history, from the founding of Rome to the late Roman Empire.
- Roman mythology, religion, and beliefs.
- Roman society, including social structures, daily life, and achievements.



## *How We Teach the Course*

We use a variety of teaching methods to make learning Latin engaging and effective:

- Whole class teaching presentations to introduce and elaborate on key concepts and vocabulary.
- Grammar and vocabulary exercises: Students will build their language skills through structured practice.
- Translation exercises: Students will develop their ability to understand and interpret Latin texts.
- Reading and comprehension activities: Students will engage with authentic Latin texts.
- Cultural studies: Students will learn about the Roman world through a variety of sources.
- Creative writing tasks: Students will apply their Latin knowledge to produce original pieces of writing.

## *Assessment*

Assessment will be based on the OCR GCSE Latin examinations, which consist of:

- Translation from Latin to English.
- Comprehension and summary of Latin passages.
- Questions on grammar and vocabulary.
- Questions on Roman history and culture.

Students will receive regular feedback on their progress through classwork, homework, and practice mock examinations.

## *Additional Learning Opportunities*

To enhance their learning, students are encouraged to:

- Read Latin texts for pleasure.
- Safely explore Latin-related websites and online resources.
- Visit museums and historical sites related to Roman culture.
- Find and participate in local / online Latin clubs or competitions.

By immersing themselves in the Latin language and Roman world, students will develop a strong foundation for further language study and a deep appreciation for classical civilisation.



## *Evaluation and Review*

The curriculum will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the boards' defined curriculum. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents will be considered in the review process.

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