



BRUTON SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS

ON SUNNY HILL

## LATIN

Mrs N Johnson

### General Introduction

Latin is a subject to pursue if you enjoy languages, and also if you enjoy finding out about the ancient world. It is generally taught off timetable, during morning tutor time and during lunchtime activity sessions, so that it offers the girls taking it the chance to add an extra GCSE to their overall number being taken should they wish to do so. Latin is well looked upon by universities as it is more rarely studied, and because multiple languages are not commonly taken by the majority of students. The knowledge that students gain from it can be helpful in a variety of different contexts, including the study of Modern Languages, English, Law and the Sciences, as well as in the pursuit of further classical studies.

**Course Specification:** OCR Latin Specification, Higher Tier

### Summary of Course Content

**Language:** You will study basic grammatical structures in order to be able to translate Latin into English and to write answers in English about Latin passages. You will need to learn a proscribed word list of about 600 words. Any words not on this list that appear in the examination are provided on a separate list on the examination paper. We will also spend time learning how to identify different grammatical structures.

**Literature:** You will study two texts from Verse and Prose works in Latin and be taught how to translate and respond to them. Typically, authors studied may include Cicero, Livy, Virgil or Ovid. The overall size of text studied amounts to approximately 120 lines per text.

### How the course is assessed

During term time, you will receive a weekly vocabulary test, and your translation and comprehension skills will be tested by the setting of regular prep tasks. Once you have covered the literary texts, you will receive tests on different sections, to help you familiarise yourself with the overall content. You will also look at a range of past papers, some of them under examination conditions.



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The GCSE examination consists of three papers, with three and a half hours of assessment time in total. Paper 1, which represents 50% of the available marks, is a compulsory language paper. It tests your translation and comprehension skills from Latin into English with a series of short passages based on mythology and Roman domestic life. You will also be asked some questions on grammar and syntax. The two literature papers require you to translate certain short passages, and to write short essays in English on different points of style and content. All questions and answers are in English, although the sections of text that are being examined are presented in Latin.