



BRUTON SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS

ON SUNNY HILL

Latin

Mrs N Johnson

Academic requirements

GCSE grade B, A, or A*. Candidates should have an interest in literature, and a curiosity to find out about the history and mores of the Ancient Romans. Candidates should also have a strong understanding of the basic grammar structures taught at GCSE level.

Course Specification – OCR Latin H043, H443

Course Summary

AS Level

Latin Language

Candidates are expected to show the ability to translate from Latin into English. It is not a requirement to translate from English into Latin, although there is the option.

Latin Verse and Literature

Candidates develop their language skills through a study of prescribed verse and prose texts, such as the works of Ovid, Cicero, Tacitus and Virgil. Students will need to demonstrate understanding of literary techniques and will have the opportunity to make a personal response to the texts.

Assessment

Students will be required to complete two examination papers, one translation and prose composition or comprehension paper, and one literature paper.

A Level

Latin Verse

Students will study Latin verse through texts including the work of Ovid, Virgil and Catullus, and through responding to an unseen verse passage as a translation or as a comprehension task. They will also be required to write essays that show the ability to analyse the poetry in terms of its content and its style.



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Latin Prose

Students will study the works of prose writers such as Pliny, Livy or Tacitus. In examinations, they will be able to choose either to complete an unseen prose translation, with comprehension questions, or to carry out a prose composition from English into Latin. They will also be required to write essays that show a critical and balanced response to the texts they have studied.

Assessment

At A level, there will be four papers including two literature papers, one translation paper, and one prose composition or prose comprehension paper.

Why Latin?

Latin has stood the test of time as an exciting subject which deserves study, both from a historical perspective as the language of one of the greatest empires on earth, and because of its importance in enabling us to understand and decode many of the structures which underpin our modern society.

Well thought of by universities, studying Latin is an academic passport that can enhance learning in a wide range of subjects, from the humanities to the sciences. It also brings considerable insight to understanding the grammar of our own language, whilst providing a valuable platform for learning other languages. In addition, learning Latin at a higher level will enable students to develop their skills of judgement and analysis, as a large part of the course requires students to create a balanced and reasoned point of view, which they can justify by reference to known texts.