

Entry Requirement:

Grade 5 in GCSE Classical Civilisation, English Literature or History.

About the subject: The study of A Level Classical Civilisation allows students to look at many aspects of the classical world which are significant in the development of the modern world, including history, art and architecture, mythology, religion, politics and literature. In Classical Civilisation, you will develop a greater understanding of the Greek world, develop your analytical and evaluative skills and learn how to develop a coherent argument.

The course is assessed by written examination only.

- The World of the Hero (H008/11)

This unit is based on the study of Homer's *Odyssey*, a Greek epic about Odysseus' journey home from the Trojan War and his adventures along the way with gods and supernatural creatures. You will explore the nature of epic and the oral tradition as well as considering the religious, cultural and social values suggested within the text itself. This will include issues such as the relationship between gods and mortals, the role of fate and heroism. You will develop your analytical and evaluative skills by assessing these themes.

- Greek Theatre (H008/21)

This unit is based on the study of three Greek plays: Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex* and Euripides' *Bacchae*, as well as Aristophanes' *Frogs*, all of which are well-loved and have great relevance to modern society even from a distance of 2500 years. This unit allows you to develop a broad understanding of the nature of Greek theatre, encompassing tragedy and comedy. You will consider the nature of drama in ancient Greece, explore the social, political and religious themes of the plays and also study the literary techniques and conventions of the plays themselves.

Where does it lead? As well as being superb preparation for further study in Classics, a study of Classical Civilisation complements many other popular A Levels including: Art, Drama and Theatre Studies, English Literature, Government and Politics, History, History of Art and Philosophy, Languages - as well as the study of the classical languages. In addition the analytical and evaluative skills that it develops make it a good choice for those considering University, especially humanities courses. Classical Civilisation also leads on to a wide range of careers including journalism, law, the civil service, education and the heritage industry.