



The Henrietta Barnett School

The Classics Curriculum



Authenticity - Kindness - Curiosity
Connection - Endeavour

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Year 7, 8 and 9 Latin

All students study Latin in Years 7, 8 and 9 using the Cambridge Latin Course. From early on in the course, students are encouraged to make links between Latin vocabulary and words in other languages, and so to increase their awareness of their vocabulary in both English and modern foreign languages. Latin is not studied in isolation from the people who spoke it: our KS3 course also gives an insight into what life was like 2000 years ago, first of all in the Italian city of Pompeii, and then in Roman Britain and in Alexandria. Project work explores topics such as the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, science and medicine in the ancient world, and the revolt in Britain led by Queen Boudicca.

GCSE Classical Civilisation (OCR)

The GCSE Classical Civilisation course involves the study of two modules: Myth And Religion, and The Homeric World. Students explore Greek and Roman mythology through authors such as Homer, Virgil and Ovid, as well as through visual sources such as vase-paintings and classical architecture. For the module on the Homeric World, students read extracts from The Odyssey and study the archaeology of the Bronze Age.

GCSE Latin OCR)

In Year 10, the stories in the Cambridge Latin Course are set in Rome itself. More sophisticated language features are mastered at this point and, as a result, pupils are able to start studying genuine passages of Latin. Towards the end of the year, students begin their formal study of Latin literature. They experience at first-hand how Roman writers expressed their ideas in both prose and verse. Students not only translate these texts but also explore how authors use words to create certain effects, utilising the positioning and sounds of words, and carefully chosen vocabulary, to evoke particular moods and atmospheres.

A Level Classical Civilisation (OCR)

This course is offered at A Level both to those who have studied a classical subject at GCSE and to those who have not. Students study two powerful epics, the *Odyssey* and the *Aeneid*. They also explore Greek Theatre and study three key plays from the great age of Athens. Finally, they investigate, through the study of philosophical texts and poetry, classical perceptions of Love and Relationships.

A Level Latin (OCR)

This is very much a continuation of the GCSE course, covering both language and literature, and featuring both prose and verse. The authors we study vary, but popular choices include Virgil, Catullus, Nepos and Tacitus. The language papers will require students to work with unseen passages taken from the works of Livy and Ovid, so our study of the language focusses on the particular style and attributes of these authors. Students will also reinforce and deepen their grasp of the grammar studied up to GCSE level, and will continue to broaden their vocabulary.