

# GCSE Latin

'sic itur ad astra' – Virgil

## Course Overview

GCSE Latin provides scholars with the opportunity to further their knowledge and understanding of Latin language and study some of the best Latin literature.

Scholars will learn a defined vocabulary list, and study all of the main features of Latin grammar. They will also translate and analyse the style of a selection of Latin verse and prose literature.

### THE ROMANCE LANGUAGE FAMILY TREE



## What are the topics I will study?

Latin GCSE comprises four examinations, two focused on language and two on literature. The two language exams will require scholars to learn a defined vocabulary list and be able to recognise and translate all the main grammatical features of Latin.

The two literature exams will introduce scholars to original Latin texts – one prose and one verse. Scholars will study selections from the Roman historian Pliny as their prose literature set text. The verse literature set text will be an excerpt from Virgil's epic poem the *Aeneid*.

## What skills and knowledge will I develop?

Scholars who study GCSE Latin will develop their linguistic awareness and ability to translate increasingly complex sentences. They will develop their ability to understand English derivations, and the links between ancient and modern languages. Scholars will also develop their ability to analyse the style of different genres of literature, and their understanding of the cultural context in which these masterpieces were produced.

### Further reading (available in translation online)

OCR Specification - [Latin](http://www.ocr.org.uk) – [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)

Virgil *The Aeneid*

Pliny *avunculus meus*

### Qualification Details

- **Qualification:** GCSE
- **Exam board:** OCR
- Included in the EBACC award.

### Assessment Pathway – how

Scholars will sit four exams at the end of Year 11: two language exams, a prose literature exam and a verse literature exam. Each exam is worth 25% of the total qualification.

### Possible Careers

Latin GCSE is highly sought after by academically elite universities and employers. Scholars considering careers in law, journalism, science, medicine, or other highly competitive fields should take GCSE Latin.

### Examples:

- Barrister/solicitor
- Author
- Doctor
- Scientist
- Professor/teacher
- Comedian
- Journalist
- MP

### Employability Skills:

- **Problem Solving:** The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.
- **Aiming High:** The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.

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