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LATIN A-LEVEL

Exam Board - OCR

What can I expect from this subject?

Latin is a stimulating and challenging subject for students who wish to build on the knowledge they gained at GCSE. At A-Level, Latin pushes students into a deeper understanding of a language and a culture that continues to be the cornerstone of our culture, our language and even our political discourse. Students who take Latin beyond GCSE will be keen to explore this ancient and beautiful language in much more detail, as well as willing to engage with the literature and ideas of the Classical world. A-Level Latin have recently undergone some minor reforms, though the areas of competence are in essence similar to those tested in earlier curricula. There are four exams, two for the literature studied (prose and verse) and two for language.

What can I do to prepare for this course?

Be prepared to go over all the grammar already encountered at GCSE, which serves as the basis for everything that occurs at A-Level. And do some holiday reading into the Classical world, watch some documentaries, immerse yourself in anything Greek or Roman.

What will my next steps be?

Although the opportunities which arise directly from Latin A-Level are not obvious, the subject is well recognised as a superb grounding for a number of other academic studies, including, of course, Languages, but also feeding into journalism, law and careers in the arts generally.