

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma

Course Description

Classical Civilisation explores the literature, history, culture and thought of ancient Greeks and Romans. With their unique composition and exciting tales of gods and heroes, Homer's Iliad, Virgil's Aeneid and the drama produced in 5th century Athens form an excellent grounding for exploration of the classical world.

If you want to examine in detail the anger of Achilles, tragic heroism of Dido and Oedipus, Cato's stoicism, Caesar's anti-Republican behaviour, and to explore critically the ways in which classical texts might be interpreted, then this is the subject for you.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Average: 4.8 GCSE grade 6 in English.

Interest essential.



Progression

Many students find the subject complementary to History, English Literature, Politics, Philosophy and Art, while for others, it is a pleasing contrast to Science subjects. It is listed on the Russel Groups "informed choices" website as a preferred subject for those wishing to pursue a BA in history, law, English, politics, philosophy or economics.



Course Details

The A level from the OCR board covers three main components:

The World of the Hero
This unit gives the opportunity to read texts well over 2000 years old, looking at battles for power in the classical world, getting into the mind of extraordinary individuals and debating concepts such as why nations go to war and the nature of jealousy and revenge.
Culture and the Arts
This unit offers a choice of ancient theatre, visual art, or the study of themes (such as the imperial image or the invention of the barbarian), whilst examining the roles of men and women in Athens and Rome, using both literature and visual art.
Beliefs and idea
In this unit the politics and philosophy of Greece and Rome, stretching from the Persian Wars to Caesar will be studied. Additionally, concepts such as the power of persuasive speech, the foundations and destruction of democracy and the isolating effect of absolute power will be debated.



Further Information

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