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## Why Classical Civilisation?

Please note: this course will be studied at Prior Park College.

The Classics involve the oldest subjects and is unique in the spectrum of experience which they cover. Their components are linguistic, literary, historical, aesthetic and philosophical. The chief skills that the study of Classics offers are those of thought and communication.

Through the course you will study either Homer's *Odyssey* or *Iliad*: the earliest European literature and the society that produced it, and Virgil's *Aeneid*, Rome's great epic. You will also study Greek Theatre, the first and definitive drama of Europe, and the beliefs, fears and assumptions of Athenian society. Finally you will examine Beliefs and Ideas about politics and correct governance, to what is 'right' and 'wrong' when it comes to love and desire, to the nature of gods and their relationship with mankind.

The Classical subjects are recognised by the academic, professional and business worlds as holding the mark of distinction, and people with its training have proved their ability to solve problems, think precisely and communicate clearly.

## Assessment

40% - Component 1 – The World of the Hero  
30% - Component 2 – Culture and the Arts  
30% - Component 3 – Beliefs and Ideas

## Recommended Reading

Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*  
Virgil's *Aeneid*

## Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE History or English Literature

Grade 5 GCSE in Classical Civilisation is helpful but not compulsory.

## Future Pathways

University degrees, apprenticeships and careers in Law, Marketing, Journalism, Medicine, Publishing, Civil Service and Computing.

## Complementary A Levels

Classical Civilisation can be combined with almost any other subject to make a suitable package for university entry but especially English, History, Philosophy Ethics & Religion, Politics, Psychology and Sociology.

## Extra & Super Curricular

A humanities trip to Europe.

Participate in "Future Learn" free online courses on a wide range of topics.

Join the Historical Association, watch relevant Ted Talks and keep up to date with current historical thinking by reading "History Today".

*"The incredible breadth of the study of Classics means that there is always something more to learn and discover."*