

## CLASSICAL CIVILISATION GCSE

Classical Civilisation offers a glimpse into the fascinating ancient world that shaped the world that we live in today. The course includes plenty of History as well as also looking at some literature and aspects of daily life in ancient times. The course provides an excellent introduction to the Classical World, covering the study of both Greek and Roman literature and civilisations.

The aims of the course are to encourage candidates to:

- actively engage in the process of enquiry into the ancient world so that they develop as independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers;
- acquire knowledge and understanding of selected aspects of the classical world;
- develop awareness of the continuing influence of the classical world on later times;
- develop and apply analytical and evaluative skills;
- make an informed, personal response to the material studied.

There are four separate units, so each term covers a different topic:

### **City Life in the Classical World:**

Rome; family life, slaves, art and architecture, gladiators, chariot racing, religion and more.  
25%; 1 hour written paper

### **Epic and Myth:**

Homer's *Odyssey*; the story of the Greek warrior's return from Troy. His journey is a difficult one, he must fight monsters, brave stormy seas and escape from the clutches of a sex goddess.

25%; 1 hour written paper

### **Community Life in the Classical World:**

Sparta; the Spartans were the most feared warriors in the ancient world. Were the real Spartans anything like the ones in the film "300"?

25%; 1 hour written paper

### **Culture and Society in the Classical World:**

Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*; the story of the Athenian woman who had her own special plan to make the men of Athens and Sparta stop fighting.

25%; Controlled assessment

Candidates may enter for the Higher or the Foundation tier at GCSE.

If you have an interest in History, or storytelling, or the mysteries of the ancient world, or why people in our society behave the way they do, then this course will suit you well.

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