

Latin is a subject with a strong academic reputation and it is welcomed by all universities as a qualification for a great variety of courses. Candidates need to have acquired a good pass in this subject at GCSE level in order to have a realistic prospect of success.

A new specification for Latin is being introduced for September 2016. **AS Latin** will be a separate qualification but the content of the course means that it will be co-teachable with the full A level course.

AS Latin will be examined by two externally assessed written papers:

AS Latin Language (01) (1hr 30min examination)

In Section A candidates will translate a passage of unseen prose into English. In Section B candidates will **EITHER** translate five English sentences into Latin **OR** answer grammatical comprehension questions based on a passage of unseen prose. Candidates will be required to know a Defined Vocabulary List of about 700 words.

AS Latin Literature (02) (2hr examination)

Candidates are expected to prepare two set texts: one verse and one prose. A change from the previous specification is that there is a wider selection of authors from which to choose. Candidates will have to answer a mixture of comprehension and translation questions, as well as an extended response question, in effect a 'mini-essay' on the literary aspects of the text.

A Level Latin consists of four externally assessed written papers:

Unseen Translation (01) (1hr 45 min examination)

In Section A candidates will translate a passage of unseen Latin prose into English, worth 50 marks and in Section B they will translate an unseen passage of Latin verse into English, worth, 45 marks. They will have to scan two lines of verse, worth 5 marks. There is no Defined Vocabulary List for this examination.

Prose Composition or Comprehension (02) (1hr 15 minutes)

Candidates have the choice of **EITHER** translating a passage of English prose into Latin **OR** answering grammatical comprehension questions in English on a passage of Latin prose.

Prose Literature (03) (2hr examination)

Candidates answer translation, comprehension and essay questions on a prose set text.

Verse Literature (04) (2hr examination)

Candidates answer translation, comprehension and essay questions on a verse set text.