

LATIN

AWARDING BODY: EDUQAS

From chariot racing to ancient myth, Latin involves discussion, analysis and the translation of original ancient texts. The first three years of Latin at Key Stage 3 are the foundation for the GCSE course. We continue to develop language skills, grammatical understanding and vocabulary knowledge through translation and comprehension work. Further aims of the course are to read and appreciate some of the literature in the original language and to acquire a wider understanding of the life, history and customs of the Roman people and their contribution to the culture of Europe. We read from a variety of authors, e.g. the poetry of Virgil, Ovid, and selections from Suetonius, Pliny and Juvenal.

Three units will be examined for GCSE, these are:

- One language unit consisting of unseen prose translation and answering comprehension questions. The girls will also choose between answering questions on accident and syntax or translating short English sentences into Latin.
- One unit comprising Latin Literature and Sources centered around the theme of “A Day at the Races” – providing insight into Nero’s passion for chariot racing, Caligular’s favourite horses and a lament for a dead charioteer.
- One unit consisting of a prescription of Latin forming a narrative. For examination in 2019-20, this will be Ovid’s “Echo and Narcissus” an extract taken from Metamorphoses III.