

Latin

GCSE

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Examination Board:	Eduqas
Assessment:	100% Written Examination

Why should I study this subject at Key Stage 4?

Latin GCSE has long been a cornerstone of a classical education. Latin not only allows a basis for the study of Romance languages but also for English. The skills that you will develop from your studies will allow for a greater understanding of the grammar and structure of the English language. You will also study Roman civilisation, which allows you to look back into the lives of Britons and Romans living in our area nearly 2000 years ago. We also look at ancient beliefs regarding magic, superstition, and witchcraft. Latin is highly valued by universities and colleges and is also fun to learn!

What does the course involve?

The makeup of the course consists of external written examinations only. There is no coursework element. Latin is assessed at the end of Year 11. Latin is the basis of all of the romance languages and is still a much sought after subject. The EDUQAS Latin course uses the Cambridge Schools Latin Project as a basis for the language and background. You will not only translate and begin to form short Latin sentences yourself, you will learn about the civilization of Ancient Rome and look at Rome's greatest authors, orators and statesmen.

Course Structure

Component 1 – Latin Language written examination. 1hr 30 minutes: 50% of the Qualification

The paper is divided into two sections.

Section A - A range of short comprehension questions testing understanding of the storyline (55% of the marks for this component). Translation of a passage from Latin to English, with a graduation of difficulty (35% of the marks for this component).

Section B - Latin Grammar: Recognise, analyse and explain in terms of syntax and accidence. (10% of the marks for this component).

Component 2 – Latin literature and Sources (Themes) Written Examination: 1hr 15 minutes: 30% of the Qualification

A prescription of Latin Literature, both prose and verse, on a theme together with prescribed ancient course materials on the same theme. The theme is magic and superstition. This is an open book assessment.

3b: A prescribed topic on Roman Civilisation, a choice of one or two topics offered.: 1hr: 20% of the Qualification