

Classical Greek

Why study Classical Greek?

The ancient Greeks continue to fascinate us with their remarkable achievements in various areas, and their influence can still be observed today in literature, art, philosophy, religion, politics, mathematics and medicine. The A Level Classical Greek course is intellectually rigorous and challenging, but also immensely rewarding, offering students the opportunity to further their linguistic proficiency and delve deeper into the fascinating history and culture of the ancient Greeks.

Entry Requirements

Normally, students are advised to have attained a grade 8 or above in their Classical Greek GCSE to pursue the subject at A Level successfully.

Course Content

The course involves:

- Greek Language: continuation of grammar study, tackling more challenging constructions, and translating from English into Greek
- Greek Literature: studying set texts, including prose and verse works by authors such as Plato, Herodotus, Homer, and Sophocles

Relevance

Classical Greek is a subject that continues to influence many areas of modern life, from literature and art to philosophy and politics, making it a highly relevant and valuable area of study.

Career versatility

An A Level in Classical Greek can lead to a wide range of career paths, including classics, Asian and Middle Eastern studies, mathematics, natural sciences, physics, English literature, medicine, modern languages, linguistics, and Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, as it provides a strong foundation in analytical and problem-solving skills, intellectual flexibility, and linguistic sensitivity.

Academic flexibility and skills developed:

Classical Greek pairs well with both arts and science subjects and is highly valued by universities and employers for its intellectual integrity and rigour. The course facilitates the development of a wide range of skills, including analytical and problem-solving skills, intellectual flexibility, linguistic sensitivity, and the ability to appreciate literary techniques, styles, and genres, as well as articulate informed responses to the material at hand, using evidence to construct coherent, logical, and persuasive arguments and judgements.