



Year 8

# Department of Latin (Classics)

# OVERVIEW

## Skills Developed

- Analysis of Latin grammatical word formation and sentence structures
- Translation between Latin and English and the importance of idiom
- Research and the interpretation of evidence
- Knowledge of Greco-Roman culture and contribution to history

## Topics covered

**Language and History focused on the Roman presence in Britain and Egypt will be guided by Stages 13-20 of the *Cambridge Latin Course*, Book 2:**

13. Infinitives + verbs “want / can”; -que = “and”	Iron Age Britain
14. Adjectives and Adjectival Agreement #1	Roman Occupation of Britain
15. Relative Clauses; Imperfect tense of “I can”	Cogidubnus – Client Kings
16. Pluperfect Tense (Regular verbs)	Fishbourne Roman Palace
17. Genitive Noun Case = “of”	Development of Alexandria
18. Gender: Adjectival Agreement #2	Glass-making, Roman Egypt
19. Pronouns “hic / ille”; Imperatives; Vocative Case	Worship of Isis
20. Present Participles; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Person Pronoun	Ancient Medicine & Science

## Enrichment in addition to the above will include:

- Roman Art and Architecture
- Topical Latin Wordsearches
- Latin Crosswords (for Vocab Building)
- Pompeian Graffiti
- Samples of original Latin poetry for discussion
- Introduction to the Ancient Greek Alphabet (influential in Roman Empire)
- Opportunities for external Latin Reading Competitions and Classics Lectures and Quizzes.\*
- A visit to a Classical Centre, e.g. Fishbourne Palace / Butser Farm / City of London Roman Sites including the Museum of London.\*
- The offer of a visit to Italy (Rome or Pompeii).\*

## How we assess your daughter's progress

- Vocabulary Tests for each Stage
- Mini-whiteboard use in class for immediate feedback and clarification
- Review of written class- or homework in worksheets
- “Show You Understand” worksheets for each stage – informal and formal assessment
- Termly key assessments – Translation from unprepared passages

### **How we support and develop your daughter**

#### **Support Material:**

- Course book + Website, including for Vocab and Grammar Practice
- Vocabulary on Quizlet
- Worksheets for each Stage with enrichment exercises and online links
- We aim to run a trip to an ancient site for girls in Years 8 and 9.

#### **How you can help your daughter**

- Help her practise her Latin vocabulary – using vocab lists in each chapter of the course book.
- Encourage her compare Latin vocabulary and sentence structures with English or a modern language.
- Encourage her to read books about the Romans, or the ancient Mediterranean world more generally.
- Visit the Greek and Roman galleries and displays in The British Museum.
  - Note that some galleries may be visited virtually by searching at the Google Arts & Culture [Streetview of the British Museum](#).

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