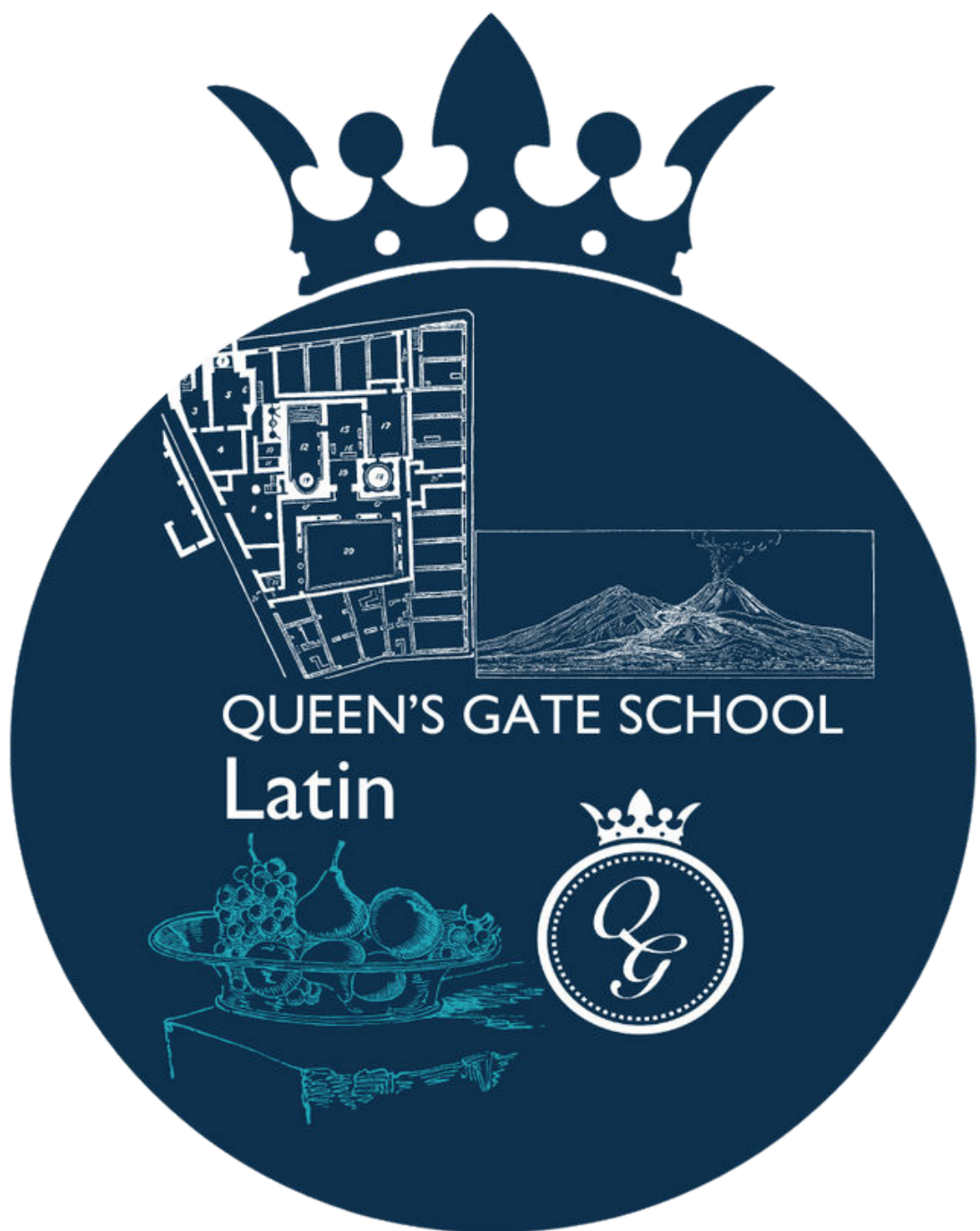


QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL
LATIN
A-LEVEL GUIDE



THINKING OF STUDYING CLASSICAL LATIN IN A-LEVEL?

A Level Latin

The study of Latin enhances your knowledge of the English language, it helps you with learning other modern languages, and it develops your cognitive development and thinking skills. It is the key to unlocking the civilisation of the Romans, their language, their literature and their values. It is a highly respected and valued subject, and one sure to get you thinking!

COURSE CURRICULUM

Exam board: OCR

We follow the OCR specification, which is comprised of four papers:

Paper	Duration	Weighting
Unseen translation	1 hour 45 minutes	33%
Prose comprehension or translation	1 hour 15 minutes	17%
Prose literature • Cicero Pro Caelio OR • Tacitus Annals	2 hours	25%
Verse literature • Virgil Aeneid 2 OR • Juvenal <i>Satire</i>	2 hours	25%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have done Latin GCSE in order to do A-level. The ideal Latin candidate is able to learn their vocabulary and grammar and apply this knowledge to the translation. On the literature side, an interest and passion in the Roman world is integral, as is the ability to analyse and interpret the text, taking into account the historical and literary context within which it was written.

HOW ARE YOU EXAMINED?

There are distinct requirements for each paper:

- Unseen translation: one prose and one verse translation, as well as a short question on scansion.
- Prose Composition or Comprehension: a choice between answering questions on an unseen passage or translating from English into Latin.
- Prose and Verse Literature: based on the study of prescribed texts. Questions include those on comprehension, the ability to understand the features of given passages, and a judgment of the prescribed text as a whole.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

Besides a deep understanding of the Latin language, you will also develop skills in problem-solving and the ability to present an argument persuasively. You will develop a broad and varied vocabulary of Latin words, which will transfer well into English and other languages. You will learn how the features of a piece of text contribute to its impact and understand how to incorporate these into your own work.

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS WITH AN A LEVEL IN LATIN?

This course is suitable for all students interested in studying Classics at university, but it also complements a number of subjects, including languages, mathematics, science, and other humanities. Career choices vary enormously, and you will find classicists in a wide range of professions, from teaching and academic to law and banking to media and the Civil Service. You learn the skills of analysis, critical thinking, compassion and argument, which can all be applied to a vast range of career paths.

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