

Latin A Level
Handbook
OCR H443
in 2023 & 2024



Welcome to Latin A Level!

You will be working towards the OCR Latin A Level, H443.

You will continue to study Language and Literature, building on what you have successfully learnt at GCSE and taking your mastery to a new level.

There will be some new grammar to introduce and also some exciting new authors to study.

This qualification is linear: all exams are taken at the end of the 2-year course.

Staff will be there to offer you help and advice, but – just as for GCSE – it is important that you continue to take responsibility for your own learning and progress.

We look forward to a stimulating and successful time in Sixth Form!

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Language

You will study Language skills for two papers:

1 Unseen Translation

2 Comprehension and Grammar

You will acquire a greater range of vocabulary and meet more complex syntax structures through reading from a broad selection of passages.

There is a Defined Vocabulary List for AS to use as a foundation for your wider acquisition of vocabulary.

Unseen Translation /01

What's assessed

This paper assesses language skills in translating unseen passages.

It also assesses verse scansion.

How it's assessed

This paper is a written exam

The time allowed is 1h 45

It is marked out of 100 marks

It is worth 33% of the A Level

Questions

You will be asked to:

- Translate a prose passage into English (prose author: Livy)
- Translate a verse passage into English (verse author: Ovid)
- Scan 2 lines of verse

Comprehension & Grammar /02

What's assessed

This paper assesses language skills further in translating unseen prose and in answering comprehension questions.

It also assesses specific accurate knowledge and understanding of grammatical forms and syntax.

How it's assessed

This paper is a written exam

The time allowed is 1h 15

It is marked out of 50 marks

It is worth 17% of the A Level

Questions

You will be asked to:

- Translate specified lines from the passage
- Answer comprehension questions on the passage
- Answer grammar and syntax questions about the passage

Resources

The main textbooks used for Language work are:

Latin Beyond GCSE John Taylor

Latin Unseens for A Level Ashley Carter

Literature

You will study Literature for two papers:

3 Prose Literature

4 Verse Literature

Both papers follow the same format.

You will continue to develop your ability to translate literature Set Texts, and to show understanding of the content, as well as develop your skills of literary criticism and evaluation.

You will also explore the context of the Set Text.

You will be given scope to express your response to the literature in more extended essay questions.

The Set Texts for 2023 and 2024 are taken from the authors Cicero and Virgil.

Prose Literature /03 and Verse Literature /04

What's assessed

These papers assess your knowledge and literary appreciation of the Set Texts you have studied.

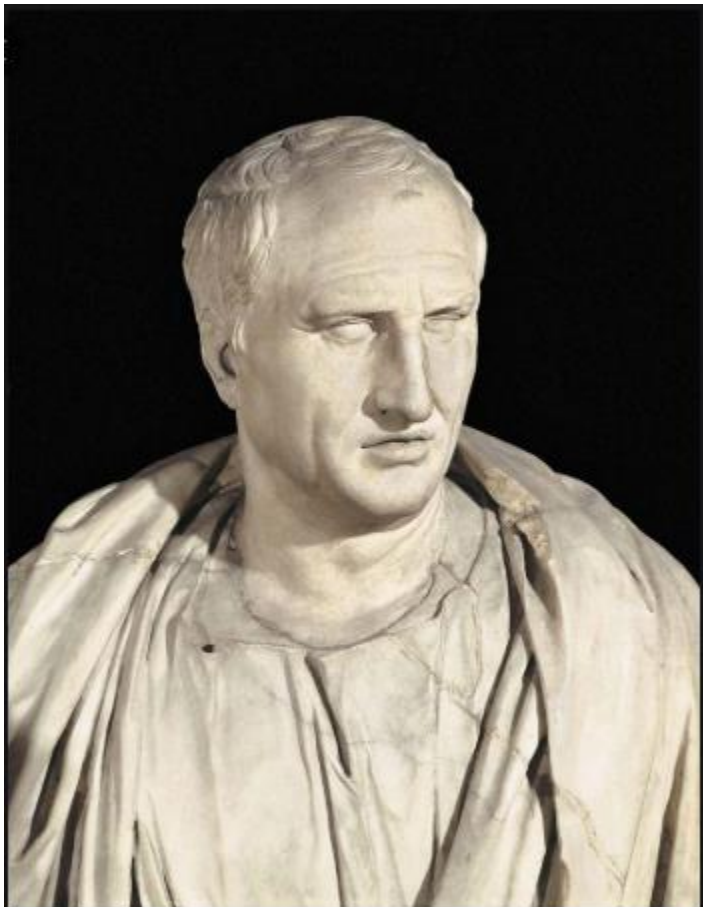
How they're assessed

Each paper is a written exam

The time allowed for each is 2 hours

Each is marked out of 75 marks

Each is worth 25% of the A Level



Cicero *pro Cluentio* - Murder at Larinum

Questions

for Set Text Part 1 *and* for Set Text Part 2 – Prose

for Set Text Part 1 *and* for Set Text Part 2 – Verse

on each paper, for both parts of the Set Text, you will be asked to:

- Translate a selected passage
- Answer comprehension questions
- Answer questions entailing critical analysis of a passage from the Set Text for
 - literary style
 - characterisation
 - argument
 - literary meaning

for Set Text Part 2 and further reading in English – Prose

for Set Text Part 2 and further reading in English – Verse

on each paper, for Part 2 of each Set Text, you will be asked to:

- Write at length, drawing upon this part of the Set Text and the further reading in English.



Virgil Aeneid Book XII

Resources

The main resources used for Set Text preparation are:

ZigZag Text, Translation, Grammar and Context notes

Poetry in Translation - Virgil, *Aeneid Book XII*