

# GCSE Classical Civilisation

## Why study Classical Civilisation?

Classical Civilisation is a subject which welcomes anyone who is interested in life in ancient times and enjoys myths about heroes such as Hercules and Odysseus, or stories about the Trojan war and mythical monsters. It involves learning all about the ancient Greeks and Romans – what they thought, how they entertained themselves, and how they lived their everyday lives. Through studying literature and art, we gain a fascinating insight into the various social customs, ideas, and beliefs that shaped two important cultures of the past – and often these ideas have come to influence us right up to the present day!



## What will I study?

1. Myth and Religion. In this module, we study popular gods and myths of the Greeks and Romans, and the important part which religion and festivals played in everyday life.
2. The Homeric World. In this module, we study the culture and archaeology of Mycenaean Greece (the time of the mythical Trojan War) and pair this study with a close reading of select books of Homer's *Odyssey*.

### ASSESSMENT

There are two exams,  
one for each module.

Each exam is worth 50%  
of the overall mark,  
and lasts for  
1 hour and 30 minutes.

There is no coursework.

## How will Classical Civilisation benefit me?

Studying a range of aspects of Greek and Roman life will help you draw comparisons between them, as well as with our modern lives; it will also give you the opportunity to learn exciting and interesting things about people who lived long ago! You will develop your written communication skills, including analysis and making a good argument (which helps with many other subjects too).