

A Level



Ancient History

Entry Requirements

Two 5/Bs and three 4/Cs in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4/C in Mathematics and English Language.

Course Description

As part of ancient history you will study the classical worlds of Greece and Rome. You will study interpretations, artefacts and the differing developments of each period. This will include traditional historical enquiry and a close interrogation of the relevant sources. However, it will also adopt an approach to cover material history, philosophy, military developments and a study of religion and culture.

During your A-level you could expect to study: Republic and Empire: a depth study that charts the height of the Roman republics power and reach through civil wars to its eventual collapse into an Empire. You can expect to study famous individuals such as Julius Caesar, Cicero and Octavian. The accompanying breadth study will follow the Empire in its infancy: the reigns of the Julio-Claudian Emperors and the changing political, social and economic aspects of their rule.

Athens and the Greek World: The Greek element of the course follows a study of the Greek city states, such as Athens, Sparta and Argos, from the Persian wars to Peloponnesian wars. It will be focusing on the unity, or lack of it between these cultures. From this you will study the Athenian culture in depth including art and architecture, philosophy, the development of democracy, religion, and drama.

What next?

Ancient history develops valuable critical thinking, evaluative and analytical skills that will be useful in further study or future employment. Students can progress to relevant university courses, such as Ancient History, Classical Civilisation, Archaeology or History. Study of ancient history can prepare you for a range of careers including heritage, archaeology, politics, law and teaching.

