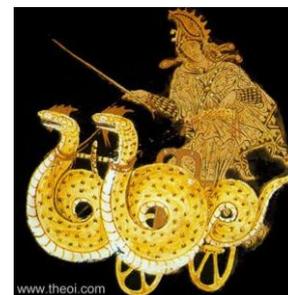




### Faculty Introduction:

Classics is the study of the language, literature and culture of Classical Greece and Rome. This subject is offered to students in Key Stages 4 and 5, with enrichment opportunities available at Key Stage 3. The study of Classics gives students the opportunity to learn about completely different cultures, with different values and ideas. At the same time students have the opportunity to reflect on where they come from and how the Classical world has shaped modern culture and thought.



### Topics/Modules to be covered in the year:

#### City Life in the Classical World: Athens

This is a study of public and private life in Athens. Students look at aspects of Greek religion, including gods, worship, sacrifice and festivals, and analyse the importance to the city and to individuals. Students also examine aspects of home life including housing, roles of men and women, slavery, the symposium and education. Again students look at the significance for individuals and to the city as a whole.

#### Epic and Society: Homer's *Odyssey*

Students read and analyse selected books from the *Odyssey*. They analyse the following themes from the text: the character of Odysseus and concepts of heroism; the role of the gods and fate; the representation of women; the study of themes such as kleos (reputation) and nostos (homecoming); the role of fantasy; the quality of story telling including analysis of narrative techniques.

#### Coursework

Students spend the final half term of year 10 beginning to prepare for their coursework in year 11. This involved reading and discussion of Sophocles' *Antigone*.

### Assessment:

Students are assessed through fortnightly marking of books. Homework regularly includes practise examination questions. Students complete an internal progress test half way through and at the end of each topic and sit a PPE at the end of year 10. Both modules have a one hour examination at the end of year 11.

### Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Homework is set every week at Key Stage 4 and should take approximately 45 minutes. Homework can include activities such as completion of worksheets on a topic, exam questions, essays, revision for assessments and independent research. Students who do not complete homework will be asked to attend a catch up session on a Monday lunchtime.

### Enrichment activities/revision sessions:

It is anticipated that all students studying Classics will have the opportunity to go on a residential trip abroad during their studies, the most recent example of which was Rome in February 2015. Students also get the opportunity to go to the theatre to watch a performance of ancient tragedy or comedy.

Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

[www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)