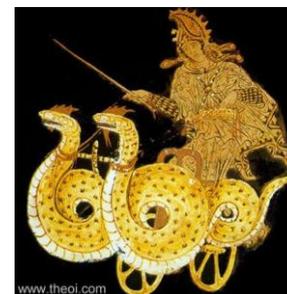




Faculty Introduction:

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:

Culture and Society in the Classical World:

The aim of this unit is to encourage students to actively enquire into the Classical World. The focus of study will be Sophocles' *Antigone* – a Greek tragedy - and students will complete a controlled assessment task (coursework) specified by the exam board. Themes that could be assessed include:

- Presentation of characters in the play
- The role of women
- The Chorus
- The role of gods, oracles and fate
- Sophocles' literary and dramatic techniques
- The staging of the play.

Community Life in the Classical World

The focus of this unit is to develop students' understanding of what it would have been like to live in a prosperous town in the Roman empire. Students study aspects of public and private life including: the destruction and later excavation of Pompeii; houses; the forum; government; inns and *thermopolia* (takeaways!); the theatre; the baths; the amphitheatre.

Assessment:

A coursework assignment of 2000 words needs to be written under controlled conditions during a period of 10 hours. Students are able to research and prepare during lessons and at home. The coursework is marked internally and then sent for external moderation to the exam board. Coursework is worth 25% of the final GCSE mark.

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 in December of year 11.

The two modules from year 10, plus the module on Pompeii are examined by terminal examination in June of year 11. Each module is worth 25% of the final GCSE mark.

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 Monday lunchtimes. During the first term of year 11, much of the homework set will be research and activities linked to the writing of coursework under controlled conditions. The deadline for Classics coursework is **30 November**.

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. Students in year 11 are also given the opportunity to visit the site of a Roman villa or town in the UK to support their work on the community life topic. Revision sessions begin from January of year 11, and take place every Monday lunchtime.

Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

www.ocr.org.uk