Subject: Classical Civilisation | Option

What is the course about?

Studying elements of the Classical world that helps students understand the literature, history, culture and archaeology of Greek and Roman civilisations. Students will look at a range of sources to help develop their understanding of life in the ancient world and how it has been remembered. Hollywood epics have immortalised characters such as Cleopatra, Caesar and Alexander the Great. This course will help students understand the world that formed these individuals.

What topics will I study?

1. Myth and religion – this involves a study of the Gods of Greece and Rome and their role within the world. We will also look at the concept of the ancient hero in looking at the stories of Heracles/Hercules. We will then study the practise of religion, format of temples and the festivals that the ancients were involved in.

2. War and warfare – this will involve a study of Athens, Sparta and Rome. We will look at the armour and weapons of the ancient armies as well as look at key military engagements, such as Thermopylae and Salamis.

What activities will there be?

Lots of interactive learning, exam practice, group work, individual research projects, films and trips. We will visit relevant sites (if the national situation permits), such as The British Museum to take part in workshops with artefacts and a visit to Roman military sites.

What percentage of the final grade is from coursework? No coursework

What about after Key Stage 4? (Careers and College):

Students can use Classical Civilisation for a number of different A Levels or degrees including History, Classics, RS, law, government and politics. Classical Civilisation is a well-regarded academic subject that helps develop well rounded students that have an increased understanding of the world they live in. Classical Civilisation would be a useful addition to a university application and can be pursued at A level.

Exam board and useful website?

OCR - https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/classical-civilisation-j199-from-2017

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