

Classics Department Key Stage 3 Curriculum

Year 7

Pupils currently have two lessons in each fortnightly cycle. In the first part of the year we study stories from Greek mythology, followed by the Trojan War and the story of Odysseus. As well as looking at the stories themselves, we also explore some of the archaeology of the Mycenaean world. The core text book is Peter Connolly's *The Ancient Greece of Odysseus*. After Christmas we begin the Cambridge Latin Course, which is based on daily life in Pompeii in the first century A.D.

Year 8

We continue with the Cambridge Latin Course throughout year 8, and reach the end of book 1 by the end of the year. There is a healthy mix of language material, stories to read, grammar and vocabulary material as well as a good range of activities relating to Roman culture.

Year 9

Pupils who have chosen to continue with Latin – typically approaching half the year group – move forward with the Cambridge Latin Course, and book 2 is covered by the end of the year. This takes the location first to Britain in the first century, and then to Roman Egypt in the city of Alexandria. The Cambridge Course focusses on developing a reading ability in Latin, and that is at the core of what we do at QEGS. In addition to the textbook, we often use the DVD which is part of the course, and the Cambridge Latin website which is also an integral part of the course. We learn verb and noun endings in the traditional way, along with vocabulary, but there are also interactive games online, video clips to watch, and stories with “clickable vocabulary”. All of this makes a varied diet in the classroom and at home, and pupils respond well to it. As part of the course there are externally moderated Graded Tests from time to time; most boys pass these and certificates from Cambridge University are awarded.