



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Success at Sixth Form – Subject Specific Tips

Subject	Latin
Class and homework expectations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% attendance• File appropriately organised into distinct topic areas, with note paper provided• Homework to be completed for each lesson (up to 5 per week).• Space for further reading and extra work beyond the syllabus, including independent research on related topics	

Scheme of Work	
Year 12 <i>Note: students will be issued with copies of Latin Beyond GCSE and copies of the set text</i> Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revision of GCSE basics- Chs. 1-2 of <i>Latin Beyond GCSE</i>- Livy vocabulary and elements of Livian prose style- Introduction to verse translation and elements of Ovidian style Literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Catullus: a selection- Cicero <i>Pro Cluentio</i>	Year 13 <i>Note: students will be issued with copies of Latin Beyond GCSE and copies of the set text</i> Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chs. 3-4 of <i>Latin Beyond GCSE</i>- Further practice of Livian prose- Other prose authors for comprehension questions- Further practice of verse translation and elements of Ovidian style- Scansion Literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Virgil <i>Aeneid 12</i>- Tacitus <i>Annals 4</i>

Assessment Objectives

The exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives:

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Latin language

This AO will be principally assessed through Papers 1 and 2 (Translation and Prose Comprehension/Composition)

AO2: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the literature studied

This AO will be principally assessed through Papers 3 and 4, and will centre on proving that you can read and understand the meaning of the literature through comprehension, translation and scansion questions

AO3: Critically analyse and respond to the literature studied

This AO will be principally assessed through Papers 3 and 4, and will centre on the 15 and 20 mark questions that comment upon or analyse the literature

Assessment

Year 12 students will be assessed at three points throughout the academic year:

- 1) A short autumn assessment testing both prose translation and verse literature
- 2) A mid-year exam, with a paper on prose translation and on verse literature in the style of the exam (each worth 50%)
- 3) UCAS exams, with a paper on prose translation (worth 50%) and verse literature and prose literature (worth 25% each)

In Year 13, the cycle of assessment will consist of:

- 1) A short autumn assessment testing both prose translation and verse literature
- 2) A mid-year exam testing all four papers in the style of the exam: prose and verse translation (33%) prose comprehension (17%) Year 12 literature (25%) and Year 13 literature (25%)

How to do well in Latin at A Level

Latin A Level is certainly challenging, but there are a number of things you can do to approach the subject effectively:

- Ask questions! The class is small and there are plenty of opportunities for me to clarify a topic, point of grammar or translation
- Keep on top of vocabulary: the A Level section of our Quizlet site contains a number of useful words and phrases that will recur throughout the A Level course
- Use your feedback sheets effectively by referring to them each time you are about to do a new assessment
- There are a number of cheaply available books online that can be used for revision practice: copies of Ashley Carter's *Latin Unseens for A Level* can be found on Amazon for only a penny (plus postage)!
- Read extensively - there's so much available online for free to read
- Use online support with care - Perseus and online translations can be a great tool to help you out of a stuck spot, but unless you use these resources to help you understand how that translation arose then they're not helping you; they're masking what you don't know

Support available

- TFO is always available to deal with any concerns or questions should any arise
- Feedback sheets are the first place to go for advice to see what improvements you have to make
- Use your textbooks and commentaries effectively; know where the information you require might be found
- C109 has a number of resources for extension, such as books to do with classical civilisation or English translations of texts. Pick one out and read one!

How parents can help support

- Check students are doing their homework and spending adequate time on it
- Ensure students are organised and that their files are neatly kept
- Get in touch with TFO if you have any questions or concerns
- Visit many of the Roman or classical sites available in London alone - the British Museum and the Museum of London have excellent Roman artefacts as part of their permanent collection, and they're free!

Helpful websites, books or resources

For access to texts:

www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper

For grammar support:

www.youtube.com/latintutorial (videos on grammatical topics)

<http://www.jowillmott.co.uk/teaching/grammarnoteslatin.php> (good grammar notes from a Cambridge classicist)

<http://dcc.dickinson.edu/grammar/latin/alphabet> (digital version of the old Allen & Greenough Latin grammar)

For other support:

www.aeneid.co (Subscription service, contains all of the Aeneid)

www.hexameter.co (Allows you to practise scansion of hexameters for free)

Books available to order or to borrow:

Translations of our set texts:

- Virgil - *Aeneid* (any translation)
- Ovid - *The Love Poems* (Oxford World Classics)
- Tacitus - *The Annals* (Penguin Classics)

Textbooks:

- Ovid Unseens - Mathew Owen
- Prose Unseens for Latin A Level - Mathew Owen
- Latin Unseens for A Level - Ashley Carter

