THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

GCSE (9-1) CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

IGCSE (9–1) in Classical Civilisation has been designed to provide learners with a broad, coherent and rewarding study of the culture of the classical world. It offers learners the opportunity to study elements of the literature and visual/material culture of the classical world, and acquire an understanding of their social, historical and cultural contexts.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in, and a desire to study, History and the Classical Civilisation are essential, along with curiosity about the past, and interest in research and problem solving.

EXAM BOARD

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COURSE CONTENT

Both components of the course involve a comparative study of ancient Greece and Rome, and combine literary and visual/material sources.

Year 1	Year 2
Thematic Studies – Myth and Religion	**Literature and Culture** – The Homeric World

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.
Grades are determined by final examinations, which take place in May/June at the end of the 2-year course.
Practical work is assessed within the school for the practical endorsement, which is a pass or fail.
An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

Paper	Length of paper	Weighting
Component 1. Thematic Studies	90 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	50% of the qualification
Component 2. Literature and Culture	90 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	50% of the qualification

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
OCR Classical Civilisation GCSE Route 1: Myth and Religion	978- 1350014879	Ben Greenley, Dan Menashe, James Renshaw
GCSE Classical Civilisation for OCR Students' Book	978- 0198325970	James Renshaw
The Odyssey	978- 0140268867	Homer

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

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