

Classical Studies

SOCIAL STUDIES

What skills will my child develop?

- Detailed factual knowledge and understanding of religious, political, social, moral or cultural aspects of life in classical Greek and Roman societies
- Detailed factual knowledge and understanding of classical literature, to identify links between the classical and modern worlds (e.g. Scotland)
- Investigating and communication skills to compare and contrast the classical and modern worlds
- The ability to use evidence (e.g. archaeology) to compare and contrast the classical and modern worlds
- The ability to comment on the usefulness of sources of evidence
- Drawing reasoned conclusions from classical literature about universal ideas, themes or values
- Researching and processing information and presenting findings
- Analysis and evaluation



WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, group feedback, reflecting on learning, making independent decisions
- A blend of classroom approaches including whole class learning; group work and peer learning; visits; a question bank
- Collaborative learning: working in pairs, small groups or larger groups on researching and presenting topics or gathering and evaluating research; discussion; collaborative blogs; with partners in English, Social Studies, Sciences
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners can choose a topic or issue for their assignment and their method of presenting findings
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: reading; talking; listening; researching, presenting and analysing information; using technology.

ASSESSMENT

- The course will be assessed through a question paper (exam) and an assignment, which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- The question paper is worth 80 marks and makes up 80% of the total assessment mark. It has three sections, one for each of the three areas of the course (Life in Classical Greece, Classical Literature & Life in the Roman World)
- The assignment is worth 20 marks and makes up 20% of the total assessment mark. Learners research a topic or issue which allows them to compare and contrast classical Greek and/or Roman worlds with the modern world, before writing up their findings under timed conditions.

National 5 progresses onto Higher Classical Studies

For more detailed course information:

SQA: Classical Studies National 5: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47445.html

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/CfEFactfileOverview.pdf>



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