



OUR EASTER SYLLABUS

Our Easter Crash Course is designed to provide an intensive overview into the cultures of Ancient Greece and Rome

The weekend-long course will allow students to engage with the history and literature of the Classical World.

We will take our students through the key areas of history looking in detail at battles, social history and historical figures. We will introduce them to key texts representative of Graeco-Latin Literature to help them understand these Ancient Societies further.

Throughout the course they will also have the opportunity to engage with the reception of the Ancient World.





27TH AM: GREECE

Minoans, Mycenaeans, And the Foundation of Archaic Greece

- Introduction to Minoan and Mycenaean Society
- The early colonisation of the Greek World
- City-states and the age of Greek tyranny

The Classical Age: The Persian and Peloponnesian Wars

- The Dawn of the Classical Age: the birth of democracy and the reforms of Cleisthenes
- The defining conflicts of the 5th Century BCE: The Persian and Peloponnesian Wars

The Age of Alexander

- The rise of Macedon
- The conquests of Alexander III of Macedon
- The legacy and impact of Alexander III
- The impact in the Hellenistic Age





27TH PM: GREECE

Epic Poetry: the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*

- Introduction to Homer's Epics
- The context of Homeric Epic
- An in-depth exploration of themes in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*
- The texts as educational tools and legends for later Greek culture

Greek Theatre: Comedy and Tragedy

- The purpose of Ancient Drama in civil society
- The Athenian Tragedians and their respective styles
- The phases of Greek Comedy and Aristophanes as a political tool





28TH AM: ROME

The Foundations of Rome

- The mythological foundations of Rome
- How the Republic was governed
- How the Republic expanded

The Julio-Claudians and the Early Roman Empire

- The transition to the Empire after the Republic.
- The Julio-Claudian Emperors
- Introduction to the 'Five Good Emperors'

The Late Empire to the Fall of Rome

- The problems faced by the later empire.
- The split between Eastern and Western Empire
- The fall of the Western Empire, and the metamorphosis of the Eastern Empire





28TH PM: ROME

Epic poetry: Virgil and Lucan

- What is Latin Epic?
- Overview of the Aeneid.
- Overview of the Pharsalia.

Ancient Politics in a Modern Context

- A look at the historical misuse and appropriation of Classics
- How Classics is misused in the present day
- Making Classics inclusive and accessible to all

