

Transition work for Year 11 students to A Level

Dear HODS.

Thank you so much for all the work you have done with all your classes and the support you have given to your colleagues thus far.

In terms of Year 11, we need to be able to offer our prospective Sixth Form students (and the considerable number of external applicants) some manner of transition material for over the summer.

To this end I would ask you to think of what you can offer Year 11 students in terms of transition work, by completing the simple proforma on the following page.

I would ask that you return them to me by Thursday 30th April by the latest please.

A few notes

- We will make it explicit on the website that being able to take the subject at A Level is still **dependent on them achieving the entry requirements at GCSE.**
- We are aware of the amount of work you are all having to do at the moment, so I would urge you to save time and **adapt some existing summer tasks** you may already have. No need to reinvent the wheel!
- There is no need to touch on specific A Level content, as you will want to start this afresh with your actual classes in September, **so the work can focus on skills and back ground knowledge.**
- We want to strike a balance between beginning to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level, and **inspiring** (not intimidating!) all our students!
- There will be **no onus on you to comment on/ assess or mark the work completed** by any of the students.

If you have any questions or queries about this please contact me and we can have a chat! Many thanks for your work on this.

Olga

Subject: Latin

Head of Department: Mr Paterson

A Level Specification studied	OCR
A Summer task to get you thinking about your potential new A Level...	Research the authors Virgil and Cicero and the context in which they were writing and events that may have influenced their works
Five fun learning challenges to undertake before September	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make sure you're secure on all the grammar work we have done at GCSE level.2. Look at the Frog page for Latin A-Level.3. Download the AS-Level vocabulary list and make quizlets. Get ahead of the game by starting to learn the words!4. (Optional) buy Latin beyond GCSE by John Taylor/Tacitus Annals IV (the OCR book) and Virgil Aeneid XII (the OCR book). We can provide these for you but you may wish to have your own copy for annotations etc.5. Write the biographies of Virgil and Tacitus using your research.
Something to read:	SPQR by Mary Beard
Something to watch/listen	Meet the Romans series by Mary Beard
Other useful / links for study	<p>https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/latin-h043-h443-from-2016/ (the specification)</p> <p>https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/tacitus-annals-iv-a-selection-9781350060326/</p> <p>https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/virgil-aeneid-xii-a-selection-9781350059221/ (links to the Bloomsbury set text books)</p>

	https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/research/outreach/warwickclassicsnetwork/whyclassics/students/ (The benefits of studying Classics compiled by Warwick Uni)
<p>Advice from Year 12 students* (I can source these soundbites if you like)</p>	<p>"I'd advise incoming Year 12s to ensure they know all of the grammar stuff they should have covered up to the end of GCSE. I'd also tell them to not panic about their set text work when they start it, as it seems like a lot, but really you get through it quite quickly and it becomes easier to remember the themes, techniques, and translations over time."</p>