

## LATIN

Latin is a challenging but rewarding subject, which is highly respected by top universities. At Queenswood we follow the OCR syllabus, which contains a combined study of language and literature, giving girls the chance to read some original un-adapted Latin for the first time.

### You will study:

#### Paper 1 – Language (50%)

- This paper includes translation, comprehension, and a few simple English-into-Latin sentences.

#### Paper 2 – Prose Literature (25%)

- For this we study the story of Germanicus and Piso, a member of the Roman Imperial family, who was allegedly poisoned! We will also look at the wider context in which the text was written, learning more about Ancient Rome.

#### Paper 3 – Verse Literature (25%)

- In this paper we study Passions and Poisons. This includes reading a selection of texts including the turbulent relationship of Jason and Medea, some of Catullus' love poems, and other myths.

Latin is a varied subject which will complement any GCSE portfolio by increasing your understanding of language, whilst providing an insight into the history and literature which influenced the course of Western Civilisation. Not only do all Classical subjects involve extended writing, developing core essay and analysis skills, but the act of learning an ancient language can be invaluable in improving the English language skills of students. Moreover, the fact that relatively few students learn Latin enables those who do to stand out. Latin will help you to develop the analytical skills and powers of logical thought required to pursue a wide range of careers and further study, and most importantly, it is great fun!