



Course Choice Information – Ancient World/Modern Issues

Course Information & Content

What is it?

This is a new course that resurrects various ancient worlds and brings things into the modern. Whether it is the coals of Hades fire that is your passion or the hammer of Thor that thunders your interest, Ancient World / Modern Issues is the course that will broaden your horizons by exploring ancient civilisations and looking at how peoples separated by different cultures and different millennia, face up to similar issues.

Why does it matter?

It matters because a lot of the issues that these ancient cultures faced are the same issues that we face today, maybe more than we'd like to admit...

- How did a multicultural society like the Roman empire deal with racism 2,000 years ago?
- Why did Athens feel so strongly about democracy?
- What insight does ancient Egypt give us into feminist movements?
- Does the Viking approach to death and dying teach us to embrace life more?
- How did religious belief impact on daily life?
- What can we learn from life in Pompeii?
- What does the story of Odysseus say about love, heroism, loss and strong women?

What will I have to do?

This course will be a mixture of teacher-taught lessons whereby you are provided with information, backgrounds and overviews. This will provide you, the student, with the confidence and skills to explore the ancient world through the lens of the issues that are important to **YOU**. While your class teacher will constantly be available to provide support, and give guidance, it is **YOU** the learner who will decide what specifically you will investigate, how you decide to present this information and where you want to take the learning. **YOU** control the reigns of this chariot!

What qualification do I get?

The course will provide the opportunity to gain Nat 4/Nat 5 stand-alone units in Classical Studies.

Where will it take you?

By drawing your own parallels between different cultures you will show yourself to be a flexible learner who can display skills that are transferable across the curriculum and useful in the real world:

- Researching
- Evaluating
- Presenting
- For those looking to move on to university and college, you are carrying out the type of projects that will be extremely advantageous to future study due to the student-driven nature of the course, regardless of your future subject choice.

