



# Classical Studies

In Classical Studies, you will study the classical civilisations of Ancient Greece and Rome, which continue to inspire and stimulate today's generation as they have every generation since classical times. You will learn how they continue to help to shape the Ireland you live in today.

### What will I learn in Classical Studies?

Some of the things you will learn include:

- Ancient Greek and Roman mythology
- daily life in Ancient Greece and Rome
- the ancient Olympics
- classical architecture and art
- Pompeii
- famous characters such as Socrates and Julius Caesar.



### How will I learn Classical Studies in school?

Some of the things you may do with your teacher and your classmates are:

- use evidence from the past to gain insight into the Ancient World
- compare your world with the classical world
- work on your own, but also in pairs and in groups
- use a textbook and ICT resources, as well as other materials.

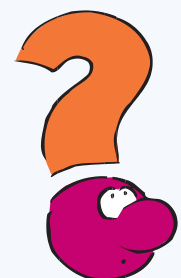
Some other things that will help you learn in class are:

- asking questions
- taking your own notes
- keeping a file for your notes and handouts; they will be useful for learning and for revision!

### How can I learn more about Classical Studies outside of school?

Some of the things you may do are:

- go to films and plays of classical interest
- talk to family and friends about Ancient Greece and Rome
- visit museums, exhibitions and places of classical interest
- participate in a classical table quiz or other competitions
- look at television programmes about the Ancient World
- read books and articles about Greece and Rome
- use the internet to find out more about the Greeks or Romans and their languages
- look at buildings in your area that are built in classical style.



## How will I know how I am getting on?

Your teacher will let you know:

- what you did well
- where you need to improve
- what you could do to improve.

Other things you may do are:

- ask a friend to look at your work
- look back over your work and previous class tests to see how you have improved.

You will also find that:

- you will have a greater understanding of the importance of Classical Studies in the world we live in.



## What is the Classical Studies Junior Certificate exam like?

In the Junior Certificate exam, there will be questions on ten topics: five Greek and five Roman. You will be asked to choose five of these topics: two Greek and two Roman and any one other.

In the exam, you will read and respond to different types of questions: short-answer questions, longer questions, and questions about photos or pictures.

You can take the exam at Higher or at Ordinary level. When the time comes to decide, your teacher will help you choose the level that suits you best.

## Is learning Classical Studies anything like what I did in primary school?

As part of SESE: History, and English you may have heard and discussed various myths and legends such as the Trojan War. You might also have learned about the Greeks and Romans which might have involved looking at evidence of how they lived. This experience will be built upon in when you take part in Classical Studies.

## Will Classical Studies have anything to do with other subjects I will be studying?

You will find links with History, Geography, Religious Education, English, Art, Craft, Design and CSPE and the classical languages: Ancient Greek or Latin.



## How will Classical Studies be useful to me?

Classical Studies will be useful to you in:

- helping you solve problems and thinking for yourself when working with others
- giving you a broader understanding of Europe and Ireland
- expanding your vocabulary and general knowledge.

You can also continue studying Classical Studies at third level when you leave school.



## Will Classical Studies be very different after the Junior Certificate?

After the Junior Certificate you may be able to choose Classical Studies as a subject for your Leaving Certificate.

After the broad approach at Junior Certificate level, you will study topics in greater detail at Leaving Certificate.



For more information about the Classical Studies course  
[www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)  
[www.caiteachers.com](http://www.caiteachers.com)

For more information about the Junior Certificate exam

[www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)

For more information about classical studies

[www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)

This fact sheet and other fact sheets are available to download from [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie)

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