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At Barclay Academy, all KS3 students learn Latin. The subject has experienced a dramatic decline in British schools in the last 100 years, and as such, has developed a reputation of elitism. We believe this is an unfair label, and perceive the benefits of the study of Latin should be opened to a wider range of students. Students will develop their literacy and grammar skills, will be exposed a number of classical texts, and will begin to understand the way in which classical Latin has infiltrated the modern world (for example, in abbreviations such as p.s. or a.m. / p.m., or in the stories and figures from classical mythology and literature). Latin helps to nurture students' skills of rigour, precision, resilience, problem-solving, analysis, and communication, and therefore is a highly-regarded and challenging, but greatly rewarding, subject that is valued by universities and employers. Studying Latin helps to put our students on a more level-footing with their privately-educated peers, and we hope that they develop genuine enthusiasm for, and enjoyment in, the subject.

## **KS3**

Our bespoke Key Stage 3 Latin curriculum, written and provided by Future Academies, is distinctive for its emphasis on regular retrieval practice and its focus on cumulatively building up students' knowledge over time. It provides a carefully sequenced progression model that bolsters all students' understanding of the foundations of Latin and enables them to make excellent progress. We teach Latin on the principle that student's best experience and progress in the subject of when cultural interest is combined with grammatical and linguistic precision. Students will build up a strong understanding of Latin vocabulary and grammar, as well as studying key moments in the Classical period, including Roman life and culture, the Homeric Epics, and Rome's international relationships in the late-Republican era.