

## Latin Bridging Work

Congratulations on your GCSE results and well done for choosing A Level Latin; an excellent choice!

Here are some tasks for you to do before you come back to school in order to help you prepare for the beginning of the course. Last year's Year 12 Latin students have commented on the gap between GCSE and A Level so it is really important that you go through the list below and complete the tasks so you can make as positive a start to the Latin A Level course as you can.

	Tasks	Completed?
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Go to <a href="http://www.memrise.com/">www.memrise.com/</a></li><li>Log-in or Sign-up (depending on whether or not you already have an account)</li><li>Search for 'Rooks Heath' in 'Courses' and click on the school account.</li><li>Click on Rooks Heath <b>New AS Latin</b> and <b>begin learning the List 1 of vocabulary for a test in the first week back</b> (you will have to learn more vocabulary than for GCSE – approximately 60 words per week)</li></ul>	
Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revise your noun case endings (nominative, accusative etc.) for the first 3 declensions (i.e. your noun endings for "puella", "servus", "bellum" and "mercator")</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revise your verb endings for the present, imperfect, perfect and pluperfect tenses. Do you know how to recognise each tense? How to translate each tense? How do you know WHO is doing the action?</li></ul>	
Translation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Translate the "Actium" story. <b>Bring your translation to your first Latin lesson in September.</b></li></ul>	
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research the following themes and writers and create a fact sheet:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cicero and the events surrounding the <i>pro Roscio Amerino</i>, including the Sullan proscriptions.</li><li>Virgil and The Aeneid and the context of the epic including the background of the Trojan War</li><li>Read Books 1-4 of the Aeneid and explore the characters of Aeneas and Dido in particular.</li></ul></li></ul>	
Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Read a few of Cicero's most popular speeches. What makes them so persuasive?</li></ul>	

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If you have lost your exercise book, you will be able to find Latin noun and verb tables easily on the internet so you can do your revision from those. You can also use the Cambridge Latin Course website to find vocabulary you are unsure of when you are translating the “Actium” story. If you find some parts of the story difficult to translate, highlight the sentences which are troubling you so we can go through them in your first lesson back. We WILL be revising your GCSE grammar throughout Year 12 so don’t worry if you can’t remember certain things but you will find things much easier if you can remind yourself of some of the grammar before you come back in September. Hopefully the “Actuim” story will help trigger your Latin grammar memories!

If you have any issues or if there is anything you are unsure about, please email me:

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Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you in September!

*(Do you understand the joke?)*

