

Ancient History

The Ancient History course enables students to study and analyse past societies. It draws on a variety of disciplines and sources, both written and archaeological, such as literary works, coins, inscriptions, art, architecture, artefacts and human remains, enabling students to piece together an informed and coherent view of the past. The course enables students to develop their own interpretations alongside those found in secondary texts, develop and apply the research skills and methodologies of the historian and the archaeologist and deal with gaps in the evidence. Through the study of ancient history, students develop knowledge and understanding of the similarities and differences between the various ancient societies and gain an increased understanding of the significant ethical issues associated with ownership and preservation and conservation of the past. Students are also provided with opportunities to better develop the higher order thinking skills necessary for further education, work and everyday life. The Ancient History course is divided into the Preliminary and HSC course. A structure of both courses is provided below.

Preliminary Course	HSC course
Investigating the Past: Investigating the past: History, Archaeology and Science Case studies: e.g Tutankhamun's Tomb Ancient Human Remains The entombed warriors from Xian Homer and the Trojan War Historical Investigation Ancient Societies, Sites and Sources. E.g City of Rome in the Late Republic Persepolis Thera (Santorini)	Core study: Cities of Vesuvius: Pompeii and Herculaneum Ancient Societies: Spartan Society to the Battle of Leuctra 371BC Personality: Xerxes Historical Periods: The Greek World 500-440BC

