



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our literacy and languages strategy in the lower school, year 7 students have one period a fortnight following either a joint Latin-Literacy programme of study or an online literacy programme, called Bedrock Learning. We have assessed students' reading ages and they have been grouped together based on the results. Those students whose reading levels are below their chronological age, will follow the Bedrock Learning programme of study. Those reading at or above their chronological age, will follow the joint Latin and Literacy programme of study, where they will alternate lessons between the two subject areas each half-term. Further details of the programmes of study are below:

#### Latin

In Latin lessons, learners encounter the foundations of English, Spanish and French, and develop tools to learn languages independently later in life; they access the bedrock of many modern cultures through ancient literature and artefacts; and they develop analytical skills that help them to attain highly across multiple disciplines.

The year 7 course introduces the building blocks of the Latin language, the Latin roots of modern vocabularies, and the daily life of different groups living in ancient Rome.

#### Literacy

Literacy classes focusing on reading for pleasure and oracy, including active listening and presentation skills. This ensures that students have developed and extended the skills they need as they progress through the school's KS3 curriculum, as well as fostering a lifelong love of reading.

#### Bedrock Learning

Bedrock Learning is an online programme for students up to GCSE level, which teaches students the language and grammar they need to succeed at school. It is designed for all abilities and includes audio narration to support their knowledge of new words. Students can use the programme at home as well as school and parents can sign up to regular updates about their child's progress.

You will find a helpful parent guide via this link:

<https://cdn.sanity.io/files/91r6pl/tg/production/767972d531bcbc06c6fe27c134581d05401c6e01.pdf>





What if my child seems to be in the 'wrong' group?

We organise the groups based on outcomes from reading age tests and we understand that this does not necessarily provide a full picture of a student's abilities. We will therefore review the groups based on our observations during the first month of teaching. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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