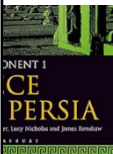
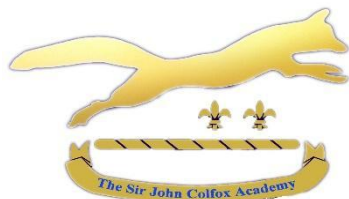


Exam Board	Recommended revision guide	Support available in school
OCR – Ancient History GCSE Topic 1 – Greece and Persia (The Persian Empire and Alexander the Great) Topic 2 – Rome and its Neighbours (The foundation of Rome and Cleopatra)	 These two textbooks are available to buy from Amazon. There are NO revision guides. The source cheat sheets (printed) for Cleopatra and Alexander. The 'How to Guide...' Revision cards for Persia. Mind maps for Cleopatra.	Revision sessions every Tuesday after school in B218 Thursday lunchtime B218



Ancient History

Revision Schedule 2026-27



Useful online resources	Exam date(s)
The Warwick Classics Network has some very useful Podcasts: The Persian Empire: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/gcse/persia/audiovisual Alexander the Great: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/gcse/alexander/audiovisual The Foundations of Rome: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/gcse/foundations/avresources Cleopatra: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/gcse/cleopatra/avresources	Friday 14th May – Paper 1: Greece and Persia (PM) Monday 24th May – Paper 2: Rome and its neighbours (PM)

September

Week beginning...	Topic	Content to revise	Complete (tick)	Knowledge test score	Weeks left
Monday 7th	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Foundation myth: Numitor deposed, Rhea and the twins, Romulus and Remus and the augury.			32
Monday 14th	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Romulus as king: political, religious and military initiatives.			31
Monday 21st	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Sabines: the seizing of the Sabine women, King Tatius and Romulus' death.			30
Monday 28th	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Numa as king: interregnum, religious initiatives, and diplomacy.			29

October

Monday 5th	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Tullus Hostilius: War with Alba Longa, the Triplets x2, legal and political initiatives and his death.			28
Monday 12th	Rome - <i>kings</i>	Ancus as king: his character, achievements and initiatives.			27
Monday 19th	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	Who were the Etruscans ? Priscus as king: succession, augury, reforms, political change, social change and religious change, success of military skill.			26
Monday 26th	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	Servius as king: myths of childhood, succession, Servian Reforms, political changes, social changes, religious changes.			25

November

Monday 2nd	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	Superbus as king: his usurping the throne, him as a tyrant, political changes, the Sibylline Oracles, military success, religious and social changes.			24
Monday 9th (Mock Week 1)	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	Downfall of Superbus and creation of republic: The Orders, the plebeians, the patricians, the rape of Lucretia.			23
Monday 16th (Mock week 2)	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	Creation of the Republic: Brutus, the Tarquin Conspiracy, features of Republic, Wars of Independence; Battle of Silva Arsia and Publicola.			22

Monday 23th	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	Republic: Lars Porsena, End of Wars of independence, Lake Regilius, Conflict of the Orders and causes of plebeian unrest.			21
December					
Monday 30th	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	The First Secession: impact of Lake Regilius, Appius Claudius, Appius, Crassus, Appius Regillensis, Dictator Valerius, Sicinius and the First Secession 494.			20
Monday 7th	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	Failure of tribunes: Coriolanus, agrarian law, Volero Publilius, indictment of Appius Claudius, Gaius Teretillus and demand to limit consular power.			19
Monday 14th	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	First and Second Decemvirate: creation, rule, tyranny of Second Decemvirate, Valerius and Horatius' opposition to Decemvirate, abduction of Virginia.			18
January					
Monday 4th	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	The Second Secession 449 BC: Verginius, impact, Valerio-Horatian Laws, the Twelve Tables, and legal changes to Rome.			17
Monday 11th	Rome - <u>Cleo</u>	Cleopatra: who was she, family, education, death of Ptolemy XII, first years as queen, relationship with brothers and Arsinoe, expansion of territory.			16
Monday 18th	Rome - <u>Cleo</u>	Cleopatra: relationship with her subjects, her charm, humour, and courage, Graeco-Egyptian persona, goddess Isis.			15
Monday 25th (Mock Week 1)	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar</u>	Caesar: Rome's relationship with client-states, importance of Egypt, Civil War (Cleo and Ptolemy XIII), death of Pompey the Great, initial meeting with Caesar.			14
February					
Monday 1st (Mock Week 2)	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar</u>	Caesar: why he chose to support Cleo, Cleo's personal and political relationship with Caesar, birth of Caesarion, Cleo's visit to Rome.			13
Monday 8th	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar / Mark Antony</u>	Assassination of Caesar, consequences for Cleo, Mark Antony and Octavian, who was Mark Antony, Cleopatra 44-41 BC, meeting at Tarsus, development of political and personal relationship of Cleo and Mark Antony.			12
Monday 15th	Rome – <u>Cleo and Mark Antony</u>	Perusine War , breakdown in Octavian and MA's relationship, donations of Alexandria, causes of the Battle of Actium.			11

Monday 22nd	Rome – <u>Cleo, Actium</u>	Actium: preparations for battle, sources; Paterculus, Virgil Aeneid, outcomes and reasons, impact on Cleo and MA's careers.			10
March					
Monday 1st	Rome – <u>Cleo, Actium</u>	Suicide: Mark Antony's suicide, Cleo's suicide, reasons for suicides and Octavian's significance.			9
Monday 8th	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Intro to Persia, source – Herodotus, location,, Cyrus' conquest of Medes, Conquest of Lydia, Conquest of Babylon, Pasargadae.			8
Monday 15th	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Cyrus: his death, secession of Cambyses II, Conquest of Egypt, Cambyses as ruler of Egypt, Cambyses' death and Cambyses in non-Greek sources.			7
Monday 22nd	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Darius: accession, Herodotus' account, Darius' account, propaganda, revolts against Darius, ideology of Darius, building projects, imperial expansion under Darius.			6
Monday 29th	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Darius: conquest of Indus Valley, Conquest of Thrace and Scythian Expedition, Ionian Revolt 499 BC, causes and consequences, challenges to mainland Greece.			5
April					
Monday 5th	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Xerxes: sources, succession, revolts in Egypt and Babylon, invasion of Greece, motivations, preparations and the march, Persian military.			4
Monday 12th	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	Xerxes: Battle of Thermopylae, Battle of Salamis, Battle of Eurymedon.			3
Monday 19th	Greece and Persia: <u>Alexander</u>	Alexander: character, beliefs, upbringing, youth, political and personal influence of Olympias, relationship with Phillip, course of life, Parmenio and Cletius.			2
Monday 26th	Greece and Persia: <u>Alexander</u>	Alexander: expedition against Persia, Battle of Granicus, Battle of Gaugamela, Battle of Persian Gate, pursuits of Darius and Bessus, Mutiny at Hyphasis, return to Babylon, changing aims of expeditions to Persia.			1
May					
Monday 3rd	Greece and Persia: <u>Alexander</u>	Murder of Phillip, Granicus and Gaugamela, burning of Persepolis, murder of Cleitus, mass marriages at Susa, death of Alexander.			0

Monday 10th	<i>PERSIA and ALEXANDER</i>	Friday 14 th May – Paper 1: Greece and Persia (PM)			0
Monday 17th					0
Monday 24th	<i>ROME's kings and republic and CLEOPATRA</i>	Friday 24 th May – Paper 2: Rome and its neighbours (PM)			0
June					
Monday 1st					0
Monday 8th					0
Monday 15th					0