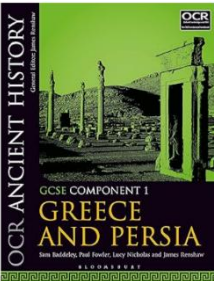
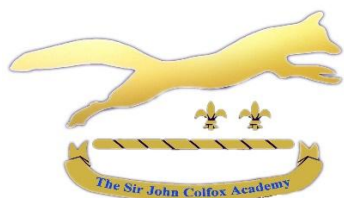


Exam Board	Recommended revision guide	Support available in school
<p>OCR – Ancient History GCSE</p> <p>Topic 1 – Greece and Persia (The Persian Empire and Alexander the Great)</p> <p>Topic 2 – Rome and its Neighbours (The foundation of Rome and Cleopatra)</p>	 <p>These two textbooks are available to buy from Amazon. There are NO revision guides.</p> <p>The source book (printed) for Cleopatra and Alexander.</p> <p>Knowledge organisers for all topics.</p>	<p>Revision sessions every Thursday after school in B218</p> <p>Monday lunchtime B216</p>



# Ancient History

## Revision Schedule 2025-26



Useful online resources	Exam date(s)
<p><b>The Warwick Classics Network has some very useful Podcasts:</b></p> <p><b>The Persian Empire:</b>  <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/persia/audiovisual">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/persia/audiovisual</a></p> <p><b>Alexander the Great:</b>  <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/alexander/audiovisual">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/alexander/audiovisual</a></p> <p><b>The Foundations of Rome:</b>  <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/foundations/avresources">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/foundations/avresources</a></p> <p><b>Cleopatra:</b>  <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/cleopatra/avresources">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/anchist/qcse/cleopatra/avresources</a></p>	<p>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May – Paper 1: Greece and Persia (PM)</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Paper 2: Rome and its neighbours (AM)</p>

September					
Week beginning...	Topic	Content to revise	Complete (tick)	Knowledge test score	Weeks left
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Foundation myth:</b> Numitor deposed, Rhea and the twins, Romulus and Remus and the augury.			32
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Romulus</b> as king: political, religious and military initiatives.			31
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Sabines:</b> the seizing of the Sabine women, King Tatius and Romulus' death.			30
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Numa</b> as king: interregnum, religious initiatives, and diplomacy.			29
October					
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Tullus</b> Hostilius: War with Alba Longa, the Triplets x2, legal and political initiatives and his death.			28
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rome - <i>kings</i>	<b>Ancus</b> as king: his character, achievements and initiatives.			27
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	Who were the <b>Etruscans</b> ? <b>Priscus</b> as king: succession, augury, reforms, political change, social change and religious change, success of military skill.			26
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	<b>Servius</b> as king: myths of childhood, succession, Servian Reforms, political changes, social changes, religious changes.			25
November					
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	<b>Superbus</b> as king: his usurping the throne, him as a tyrant, political changes, the Sibylline Oracles, military success, religious and social changes.			24
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> (Mock Week 1)	Rome – <i>Etruscan kings</i>	<b>Downfall of Superbus and creation of republic:</b> The Orders, the plebeians, the patricians, the rape of Lucretia.			23
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> (Mock week 2)	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>Creation of the Republic:</b> Brutus, the Tarquin Conspiracy, features of Republic, Wars of Independence; Battle of Silvia Arsia and Publicola.			22

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>Republic:</b> Lars Porsena, End of Wars of independence, Lake Regilius, Conflict of the Orders and causes of plebeian unrest.			21
<b>December</b>					
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>The First Secession:</b> impact of Lake Regilius, Appius Claudius, Appius, Crassus, Appius Regillensis, Dictator Valerius, Sicinius and the First Secession 494.			20
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>Failure of tribunes:</b> Coriolanus, agrarian law, Volero Publilius, indictment of Appius Claudius, Gaius Teretillus and demand to limit consular power.			19
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>First and Second Decemvirate:</b> creation, rule, tyranny of Second Decemvirate, Valerius and Horatius' opposition to Decemvirate, abduction of Virginia.			18
<b>January</b>					
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <i>Republic</i>	<b>The Second Secession 449 BC:</b> Verginius, impact, Valerio-Horatian Laws, the Twelve Tables, and legal changes to Rome.			17
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <u>Cleo</u>	<b>Cleopatra:</b> who was she, family, education, death of Ptolemy XII, first years as queen, relationship with brothers and Arsinoe, expansion of territory.			16
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome - <u>Cleo</u>	<b>Cleopatra:</b> relationship with her subjects, her charm, humour, and courage, Graeco-Egyptian persona, goddess Isis.			15
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> (Mock Week 1)</b>	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar</u>	<b>Caesar:</b> 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
<b>February</b>					
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mock Week 2)</b>	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar</u>	<b>Caesar:</b> why he chose to support Cleo, Cleo's personal and political relationship with Caesar, birth of Caesarion, Cleo's visit to Rome.			13
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome – <u>Cleo and Caesar / Mark Antony</u>	<b>Assassination</b> 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
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Rome – <u>Cleo and Mark Antony</u>	<b>Perusine War,</b> breakdown in Octavian and MA's relationship, donations of Alexandria, causes of the Battle of Actium.			11

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Rome – <u>Cleo, Actium</u>	<b>Actium:</b> preparations for battle, sources; Paterculus, Virgil Aeneid, outcomes and reasons, impact on Cleo and MA's careers.			10
<b>March</b>					
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Rome – <u>Cleo, Actium</u>	<b>Suicide:</b> Mark Antony's suicide, Cleo's suicide, reasons for suicides and Octavian's significance.			9
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Intro to Persia,</b> source – Herodotus, location,, Cyrus' conquest of Medes, Conquest of Lydia, Conquest of Babylon, Pasargadae.			8
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Cyrus:</b> his death, secession of Cambyses II, Conquest of Egypt, Cambyses as ruler of Egypt, Cambyses' death and Cambyses in non-Greek sources.			7
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Darius:</b> accession, Herodotus' account, Darius' account, propaganda, revolts against Darius, ideology of Darius, building projects, imperial expansion under Darius.			6
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Darius:</b> conquest of Indus Valley, Conquest of Thrace and Scythian Expedition, Ionian Revolt 499 BC, causes and consequences, challenges to mainland Greece.			5
<b>April</b>					
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Xerxes:</b> sources, succession, revolts in Egypt and Babylon, invasion of Greece, motivations, preparations and the march, Persian military.			4
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <i>The Persian Empire</i>	<b>Xerxes:</b> Battle of Thermopylae, Battle of Salamis, Battle of Eurymedon.			3
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <u>Alexander</u>	<b>Alexander:</b> character, beliefs, upbringing, youth, political and personal influence of Olympias, relationship with Phillip, course of life, Parmenio and Cletius.			2
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Greece and Persia: <u>Alexander</u>	<b>Alexander:</b> 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
<b>May</b>					
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	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

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>PERSIA</i> <b>and</b> <u>ALEXANDER</u>	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May – Paper 1: Greece and Persia (PM)			0
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>ROME's kings and republic</i> <b>and</b> <u>CLEOPATRA</u>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Paper 2: Rome and its neighbours (AM)			0
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>					0
<b>June</b>					
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>					0
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>					0
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>					0