**HISTORY DEPARTMENT 2017**

**TOPIC:**

**Unit: 1A The Elizabethan Age 1558-1603**

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| **Elizabethan government:** How successful was the government of Elizabeth I? | The coronation and popularity of Elizabeth; Royal Court, Privy Council and councillors; local government in Wales; the role of Parliament: issues over taxation and freedom of speech; Welsh gentry – Katheryn of Berain; the Wynn family |  |  |  |  |
| **Lifestyles of rich and poor:** How did life differ for the rich and poor in Elizabethan times? | Contrasting lifestyles of rich and poor; lifestyle of the gentry in Wales - fashion and homes: Plas Mawr, Conwy, St Fagan's Castle; causes of poverty; issue of unemployment and vagrancy; government legislation including the 1601 Poor Law |  |  |  |  |
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| Popular entertainment: What were the most popular types of entertainment in Elizabethan times? | The importance of popular entertainment; cruel sports; the Elizabethan theatre – design and plays; attitudes towards the theatre in Wales and England; traditional pastimes – Cnapan |  |  |  |  |
| **The problem of religion:** How successfully did Elizabeth deal with the problem of religion? | Religious problems in 1559; the Religious Settlement; Acts of Supremacy and Uniformity; reactions to the religious Settlement in Wales and England; the translation of the Scriptures into Welsh and its impact on Wales and the Welsh language: Bishop William Morgan, Richard Davies and William Salesbury |  |  |  |  |
| **The Catholic threat:**  Why were the Catholics a threat to Elizabeth? | Early toleration; the rebellion of Northern Earls 1569; Elizabeth's excommunication in 1570; Catholic plots: Ridolfi, Throckmorton, Babington; the role of Mary, Queen of Scots; Catholic recusancy in Wales including Richard Gwyn, Edward Jones, John Jones and William Davies |  |  |  |  |

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| **The Spanish Armada:**  How much of a threat was the Spanish Armada? | Reasons for the Armada; course of the Armada: events in the Channel, Calais, ‘fireships’ and return to Spain; results of the defeat of the Armada |  |  |  |  |
| **The Puritan threat**:  Why did the Puritans become an increasing threat during Elizabeth’s reign? | Puritan opposition in Parliament and Privy Council; measures taken to deal with the Puritan challenge; the attitude of the authorities to the Puritan challenge in Wales including the trial and execution of John Penry, 1593 |  |  |  |  |