

AS Level Curriculum - History

AS Unit 1 The Reformation in Europe, c1500–1564

This unit provides an overview of religious change and development in sixteenth century Europe, as exemplified by the emergence of differing forms of Protestantism and of renewal within the Catholic Church. An understanding of the variety of factors contributing towards this change, and their inter-connections, will be developed through the study of the role of individuals such as Luther, Calvin and Zwingli; radical groups such as the Anabaptists; the role of the Papacy and the work of the Jesuits; and significant events such as the Council of Trent. Issues such as the impact of printing, the political situation and economic and social developments which influenced the progress and success of the Reformation and the Catholic Reformation will also be considered.

AS Unit 2 The Church in England: the Struggle for Supremacy, 1529–1541

This unit provides an opportunity to investigate the reasons for, and the extent of, change in the English Church and State in the years 1529 to 1541. Students will need to have a sound understanding of the context and chronology of the early years of the Reformation in England. They should be able to assess the impact of both religious reformers and the conservatives on the development of the Church in England. Students should also understand and be able to explain the role of the state in initiating and carrying through change, how the relationship between Church and State altered and how the state and people were affected by the developments of the period. Students will also study the relative importance of the contributions of individuals such as Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Wolsey, Cromwell, Cranmer and the papacy.