



## St Matthew's RC High School Humanities Department

### KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER- KS4 History- The Normans



Keyword	Definition
<b>Fyrd</b>	The English militia before 1066.
<b>Mercenary</b>	A professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army
<b>Motte and Bailey castle</b>	Is a fortification with a wooden or stone keep situated on a raised earthwork called a Motte, accompanied by an enclosed courtyard (Bailey).
<b>Harrying</b>	Persistently carry out attacks on (an enemy or an enemy's territory).
<b>Feudal System</b>	Peasant or worker known as a vassal received a piece of land in return for serving a lord or king
<b>Aristocracy</b>	The highest class in certain societies, typically comprising people of noble birth holding hereditary titles and offices.
<b>Hierarchy</b>	A system in which members of an organization or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.
<b>Subinfeudation</b>	Is the practice by which tenants, holding land under the king or other superior lord, carved out new and distinct tenures in their turn by sub-letting or alienating a part of their lands.
<b>Ordeal</b>	Trial by ordeal was an ancient judicial practice by which the guilt or innocence of the accused was determined by subjecting them to a painful, or at least an unpleasant, usually dangerous experience
<b>Serf</b>	An agricultural labourer bound by the feudal system who was tied to working on his lord's estate.
<b>Tithe</b>	One tenth of annual produce or earnings, formerly taken as a tax for the support of the Church and clergy.
<b>Pilgrim</b>	A traveller who is on a journey to a holy place

#### Key Individuals

Edgar the Aethling  
 Edward the Confessor  
 Harald Hardrada  
 Harold Godwinson  
 William The Conqueror  
 King Malcolm III of Scotland  
 Hereward The Wake  
 Robert of Mortain  
 William FitzOsbern  
 William II  
 Robert Curthose

#### Types of Exam Questions

How convincing is an interpretation? **8 marks**

Explain why something was important. **8 marks**

Write an account. **8 marks**

Agree and disagree with a statement. **16 marks**