Year 8 History Exam – Summer 2026

Revision List

1 hour exam

7 questions to be answered.

What is History?, Life in the Middle Ages & The Normans in Ireland booklets must be learned along with notes in exercise books and work on sources from the beginning of the year and throughout.

- What was Ireland like before the Norman arrival?
- The story of Dermot MacMurrough - asking the Normans for help to get his land back etc.
- Reasons why Strongbow came to Ireland.
- Why did Henry II come to Ireland?
- John de Courcy's actions in Ireland.
- Different opinions on Dermot Mac Murrough.
- The Norman Legacy – changes the Normans brought, what the Normans left behind, different views on the Normans in Ireland.
- The Feudal System
- Castles
- Medieval towns
- Medieval Villages
- Crime and punishment in the Middle Ages
- The Black Death – causes & cures
- W5 source work – how reliable and useful evidence is