History in Coola

Studying history enables **us to develop better understanding of the world in which we live**. Building knowledge and understanding of historical events and trends enables us to develop a much greater appreciation for current events today.

In Coola, we endeavour to instil students with an interest in, and love for, History, whether you are learning about the backgrounds and daily lives of Gladiators in Ancient Rome in First Year, are in TY investigating the various conspiracies surrounding the assassination of JFK, or are studying the dark history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland for Leaving Cert.



First Years study Ancient Roman Civilisation.

Teaching Methodologies

As a department we employ a range of different teaching methodologies from class discussion, to peer assessment, to mind maps. Students knowledge is challenged with competitive in-class Kahoots, quick tests done on Microsoft Forms, and longer, traditional tests.

Project work is promoted as an ideal way for students to take ownership of their study



2nd Years 'Reeling in The Years' projects

Results

Traditionally, our State exam results have been ahead of the curve in terms of National returns. In 2021, six of our 15 Leaving Cert students achieved H1s, having sat the exam in June. This equates to 40% achieving the top grade, while last year's national H1 return was 18.2%.

History Trips

Reading, listening and watching videos are all key parts of learning, but nothing beats experiencing. In Coola, we endeavour to bring History to life as much as possible and tours are a fantatsic way to do that.

Our TYs enjoy many tours and trips, and the trip to Derry proves popular. The guided walk of its walls and a visit to the Free Derry museum helps bring our learning to life as we can see where the Mountjoy broke the boon to deliver food to those under siege in 1689, or we hear John Kelly recount Bloody Sunday in 1972 when his younger brother Michael (16) was shot.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

TY tour 2019

Leaving Cert Tour

In 2019, our inaugural Leaving Cert tour visited Munich and Nuremberg for 4 days where we got a guided city tour, visited the site of Hitler's Beer Hall putsch, got a guided tour of Dachau concentration camp, visited the Munich Olympic Park and BMW Welt and Museum. We also went to Nuremberg to see the site of Hitler's huge propaganda rallies and visited the Nazi Party Rally Grounds museum before visiting the Nuremberg trials museum.

It is envisaged that their will be a Leaving Cert tour every second year.