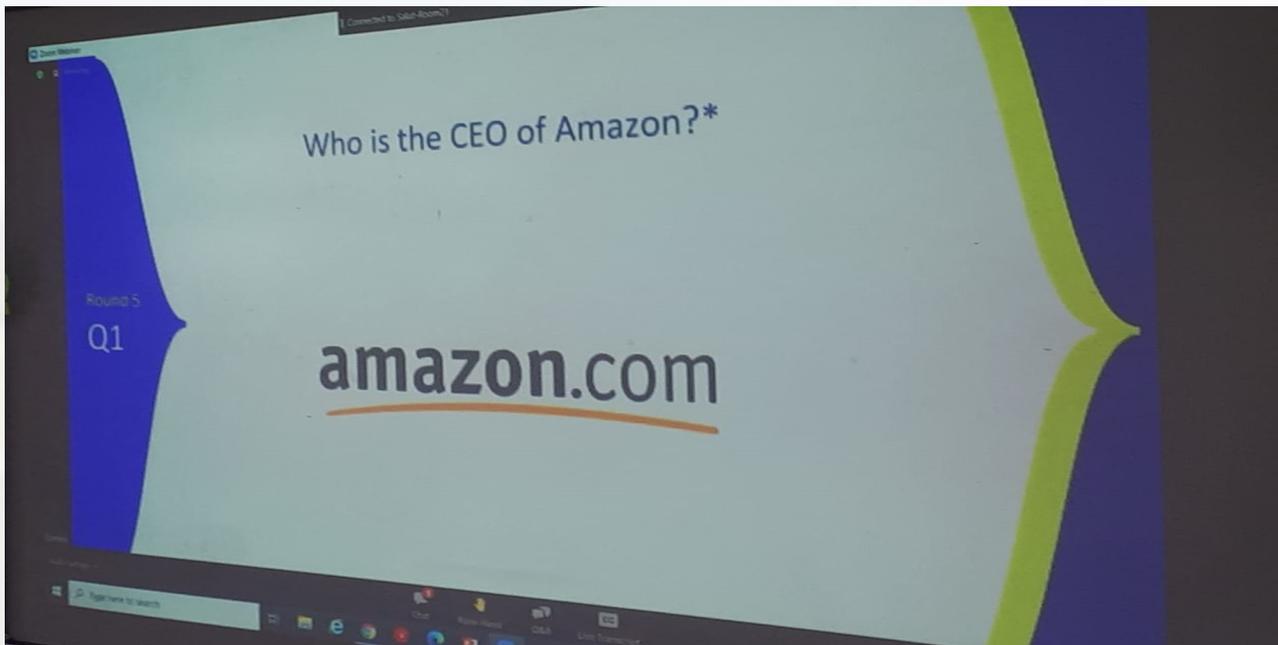


Junior Cycle Business at Coola PPS

What will I do in Business class in Coola Post Primary?

Some of the things you may do with your teacher and your classmates are:

- ◆ Form a club in class to learn what it is like to be a club member. Coola Post Primary are involved in the 'Green Schools Initiative' and are always encouraging students to join their Committee.
- ◆ Prepare advertisements for different events to learn more about sales promotions.
- ◆ Practise recording transactions.
- ◆ Keep records of your pocket money or wages from part-time work.
- ◆ Learn about the benefits of saving.
- ◆ Take part in a mini-company enterprise as part of an out-of-class activity.
- ◆ Take part in quizzes both in school and out of school. Below is a sample question from a recent on-line quiz in which students participated. This was organised by a local Bank.



Cross Curricular Links:

Business Studies links with Mathematics, English, Geography and Home Economics. ICT skills will also be of use to you in Business Studies. Coola Post Primary has a wonderful suite of computers which Business students can avail of for project and research work.

Why Chose Business Studies?

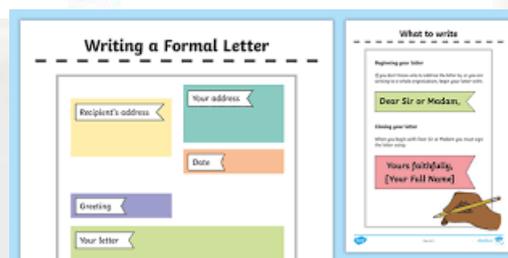
Business Studies helps you to make wise decisions about saving and spending your money now and throughout your life. You will learn about the world of work which will introduce you to many possible careers such as: accountancy, finance, sales & marketing and management. It also gives you a good foundation for the two Leaving Certificate business subjects offered at Coola Post Primary, which are Accountancy and Business.

Topics I will learn about !



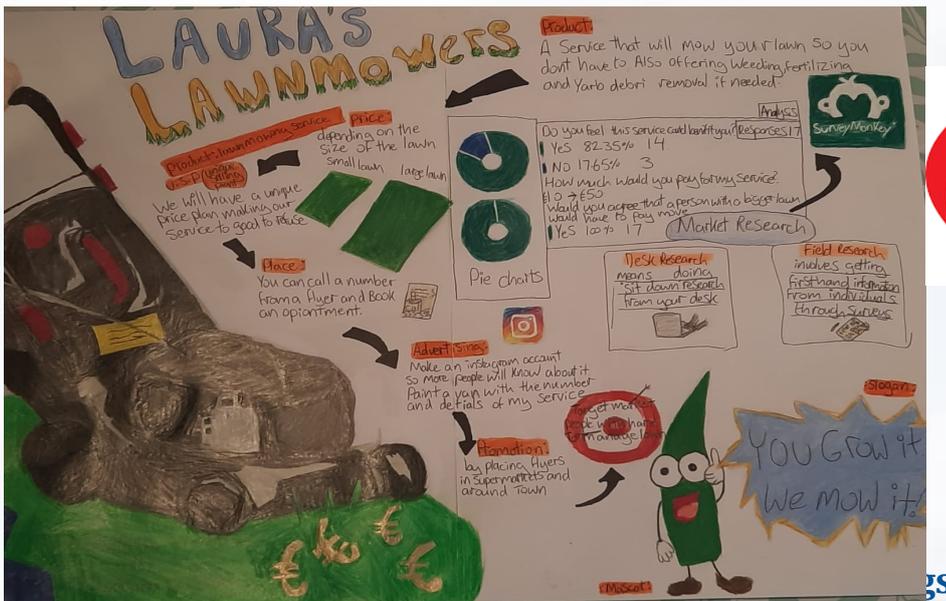
Some of the things you will learn include:

- Good communication skills such as letter writing and report writing.
- How to collect, organise, and record financial information for yourself, your family, for clubs you may be a member of, and for businesses you may be employed with in the future.
- What your rights and responsibilities are as a consumer (someone who buys or uses goods and services-that's you!).
- How to calculate your wages when you start working (including the minimum wage).
- About why our membership of the European Union is so important to our economy.



Junior Cycle Assessment

As part of the new Junior Cycle students studying Business will have a final exam in 3rd Year (90% of the final JC grade). In 3rd Year students will complete an Assessment Task in Business (10% of the final JC Grade). Students will also be assessed through two Classroom Based Assessments (CBA's), one in 2nd Year and another in 3rd Year, while attending Coola Post Primary. These CBA's will not form part of the final JC percentage mark, but will be noted on each students certificate with a descriptor. One CBA is an investigation piece, while the second includes a presentation piece. Both activities develop research, presentation and communication skills in the student. (CBA image below.)



Student Achievement

Students studying Business at Coola Post Primary have excelled over the years. We have been honoured to have students represented most years at the NUI Galway Junior Certificate Business Studies Awards Ceremony. The award ceremony recognises students on their outstanding academic achievements. Only 1.8% of students nationwide achieved this outstanding result. The former 'A' grade would traditionally have been achieved by between 8% and 10% of students.

