

LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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25th November 2021

Dear Students/Parents

U6th historians and U6th English Literature students - Trip to Ireland - Contested Memories of Conflict

To complement our study of A2 Anglo-Irish history, we have set up a 5 day (4 nights) visit to Ireland which will run from lunchtime on Thursday 3rd February to late evening of Monday 7th February 2022. We will explore themes and controversies central to both the A2 Anglo-Irish course and our L6th study of C17th British history as well as offering a fascinating insight into the modern Irish situation. The trip also provides an opportunity for students wanting to develop a historical hinterland to their A-Level texts.

Our aim is to explore conflicting narratives of Anglo Irish History and learn how different interpretations have had a shaping effect on events and on historical perspectives. As the draft itinerary suggests (see the following pages), our students will meet a cross section of academics and activists some of whom have been directly involved in the “Troubles.”

The cost of running the trip will be £550.

All travel, accommodation, guides, food once in Ireland are covered.

Please reply with a deposit of £150 (wise pay) to confirm by 2nd December. We will decide on this basis if the trip is viable this year. The balance of £400 would be payable by end of January.

The trip is fully insured through the school insurance policy which is available to be viewed on the school website. In the event of an unforeseen situation causing the cancellation of the trip you may be liable for any costs we are unable to claim back from the insurance.

We will host a meeting prior to the trip for parents and students. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, discuss safety etc.

Yours sincerely

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Head of History

Draft Itinerary:

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“Contested Memories of Conflict”

Irish History field studies 2022 – Thursday 3rd Feb to Monday 7th Feb 2022

Thurs 3rd Feb 2022

Transfer from LRGS to Manchester Airport by Traveller's Choice:

Leave school at 14.00 from East Road

Manchester Airport Terminal1 Flight FR557

Gate closes 17.00 Flight 17.30 to Dublin

Transfer by public bus from Dublin airport to

Accommodation: 1 night: Kinlay

Walking tour of environs/Fish and chips.

Friday 4th Feb 2022

Rulers and Ruled: Overview C18th to C21st

9.00 am From Trinity College Dublin: “Terrible Beauty” guided Tour with Trinity College historian (tbc)

11.00 Kilmainham Gaol

3.00 Glasnevin Cemetery

5.00pm Dinner in Glasnevin area

7.00 pm to 8.30pm Gaelic Games at Na Fianna GAA club

Transfer to Maynooth Seminary.

Sat 5th Feb 2022

Rulers and Ruled: Pre and post Famine

Maynooth College (With historian Ciaran Reilly author and curator of National Famine Museum Strokestown)

Donadea Castle

Presentation Convent, Clane (Documents Session insight into conditions in Ireland during the Famine.)

Rebellion and Response

12.15 Bodenstown (Wolfe Tone)

Lunch in Maynooth

3.00pm Dr Eamonn Darcy (1641 Depositions/”Regulating the printed word” Discussion based on pre-trip reading relating to history/legacy of “trauma.”

Transfer to: Slane Hill archaeological challenge

Transfer to Slane Hostel on the Boyne.

Dinner: Slane

Sun 6th Feb 2022

9.00 am Travel to Drogheda...

10.00 "Reckie" of Castle Mount...battle positions
(maps/sources)

11.00 Focus on Cromwell ... St Mary's Church with
Cromwell biographer Tom Reilly (*reading and source analysis
for this*)

13.00 Lunch in Drogheda town.

14.30 Transfer to Belfast: Accommodation: Belfast Youth
Hostel tel (028) 9032 4733

17.30: Walking Tour Utd Irishmen.

20.00: Dinner in Belfast.

Mon 7th Feb 2022

Division, Unionist. Republican and Paramilitary.

9.30am –in the Spectrum Centre on Shankill Road with UVF
representative.

11am Lanark Way for the tour of the Falls Road (meeting IRA
representative)

1.00/2.00pm **Conway Mill:** Lunch and Q and A session with
IRA representative

14.00 Coiste guided tour of the Bally Murphy area / Milltown
Cemetery.

16.00 Parallel histories debate

17.30 Travel to Belfast International: EZY138

Eat at airport.

Gates close 19.55

Leaves: 20.25

Arrival Manchester T1 21.25 transfer from Manchester Airport
to LRGS: **Back at school by 23. 00 students will phone with
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