



## **ENNIS FRIARY**

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME 2019**

**Ennis Friary is running several programmes for both Primary and Secondary Education. All school visits are free with an accompanying teacher. Please call in advance to ensure your booking.**

#### **HISTORICAL TOUR**

**Built on the original Inis or island site, since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Ennis Friary has been the town's focal point. It has been a Franciscan household, a royal seat of the kings of Thomond, a courthouse and jail and, more recently, a Church of Ireland parish church. This 13<sup>th</sup> century Friary, founded by the O'Briens, has numerous 15/16<sup>th</sup> century sculpture carved by the Irish stonemasons in the local hard limestone. Book a tour for your class to visit the oldest building in the town.**

#### **ENNIS FRIARY TRAILS AND QUIZZES**

**Want to get your students engaged with a historical site but unsure how? At Ennis Friary students have the option of a Nature Trail, Quiz or EPI-STEM Maths Hunt. All excursions must be accompanied with school supervision. Booking must be made in advance to ensure materials are available.**

### **LOCAL HISTORY TOUR FOR JUNIOR CYCLE**

The Ennis Friary was established within the 13<sup>th</sup> century by King Donnacha O'Brien of Thomond. Throughout its many years it's been used as a Franciscan Friary, a taxation court and jail and an Anglican Church. Within our "Local History Tour" we look at:

- The patrons that decided to build or invest in the Ennis Friary and their motivations
  - the daily lives of the Franciscans that lived here
  - The structure of the building and how it was used
- This historic building's purpose throughout the centuries and the political forces that helped to influence its current form
- We also discuss the many historical figures whose lives became entwined within our Franciscan Friary

Our guides are happy to point pupils in the right direction for identifying varied sources on their chosen topics of interest /historical figures. Call us to book your tour today.

### **APPRECIATION OF ART LEAVING CERT WORKSHOP**

For the "Appreciation of Art" Leaving Cert question the guides at Ennis Friary have a tour created to facilitate students in relation to our exhibit. We discuss the history, gothic architecture and magnificent Permanent Exhibition showcasing our 15<sup>th</sup> century carvings commissioned by Mór O'Brien. Students will be guided around the site and advised on how our 13<sup>th</sup> century building is made accessible to the public as well as giving pupils time to sketch and explore.

A breakdown of the Leaving Cert "Appreciation of Art" question, in relation to the heritage site, will be made available to teachers upon arrival.

### **MATHS TRAIL**



A Tour with a difference + -x =

Bring your ruler and calculator, follow the trail, work out the equations and explore the Maths involved in building the 13<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan Friary in Ennis. Suitable for 4th class to 2nd year students. All pupils must be accompanied by a teacher.



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