

Our Past in Our Place – History CBA Wall



Coláiste Chú Chulainn – School of Sanctuary Journey

As part of our ongoing **School of Sanctuary journey**, the History Department at Coláiste Chú Chulainn has created an **“Our Past in Our Place” History CBA Wall**, celebrating the rich diversity of histories, cultures, identities and backgrounds represented within our school community.

As part of the Junior Cycle History curriculum, students complete a Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA) entitled *“The Past in My Place”*. This assessment provides students with an opportunity to research and present a topic, person, event or aspect of history connected to a place or culture with which they identify or feel a personal connection.

This creates a wonderful opportunity for students to **explore, share and celebrate their own cultural heritage, family histories and personal connections to different places around the world.**

Students are encouraged to look beyond traditional historical narratives and investigate the stories, events and individuals that have shaped the communities and cultures they associate with. For some students, this may involve exploring Irish local history, while for others it may mean researching significant events, historical figures or traditions from their country of origin, their family's homeland or another place that holds personal meaning.





Our **History CBA Wall** provides a dedicated space to showcase and celebrate students' research, allowing the wider school community to learn about the many different histories and cultural backgrounds that make Coláiste Chú Chulainn such a diverse and vibrant school.

The display highlights an important message: **although we may come from different places and have different histories, every student's story and heritage deserves to be recognised, respected and celebrated.**

As part of our School of Sanctuary journey, this initiative promotes cultural awareness, mutual respect, inclusion and a sense of belonging. It provides students with an opportunity to share aspects of their identity while encouraging others to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures, traditions and historical experiences.

The project also demonstrates how **diversity and inclusion can be meaningfully embedded within teaching and learning**, allowing the Junior Cycle curriculum to become a platform for celebrating the multicultural nature of our school community.

By bringing together historical projects from a variety of countries, cultures and communities, our History CBA Wall reminds us that history is not simply something we study in textbooks. It is something that connects us to our families, our communities, our identities and one another.

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, we are proud to celebrate the many different stories that form part of our shared school community, reflecting our ethos of *"Success for All"* and our commitment to becoming a welcoming and inclusive School of Sanctuary.

Different Places, Different Pasts, One Shared Community – Every History Matters.

