

Plantation of Ulster Study Visits

Learning Outcomes:

- During the guided tour pupils will engage with a heritage site that played a pivotal role in the Plantation of Ulster.
- Pupils will study information panels, artefacts and mannequins in the exhibition and learn about the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster.
- Pupils will be able to record information in resource booklets that improves their understanding of this period of history.

Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre is on the site of the medieval capital of Ulster, the location where the O'Neills ruled as Gaelic chieftains from 1305. It is the place where the last of the O'Neill chieftains, Hugh O'Neill, ruled and led the Nine Years' War.

The Noble 99 gathered in Dungannon prior to the Flight of the Earls in 1607, and following their journey into exile in Rome, Arthur Chichester rebuilt the O'Neill castle in order to fashion his own military fort, referring to Dungannon as the "centre" of Ulster.

A Plantation of Ulster Study Visit makes full use of this location and of the permanent exhibition on the Flight of the Earls & Plantation of Ulster in order to assist Year 9 pupils in their understanding of the major historical events which are associated with this period in history:

- Year 9 pupils actively explore the exhibition on the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster with the aid of a specially created resource booklet.
- They then participate in a guided tour of the Hill of The O'Neill, which is led by the Visitor Experience & Education Officer (VE&EO), when they will find out about the significance of the site that was once the medieval capital of Ulster.
- The pupils take part in a discussion with the VE&EO at the end of the visit.

Copies of the pupil resource booklets are available on request.

As part of this activity is held outside, pupils should arrive at the centre appropriately dressed.

Each visit lasts for approximately 1½ to 2 hours, and the start and finish times of the activity can be discussed and agreed with the VE&EO.

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