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PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS

May I commend all the students at Castleknock College who are devoting some of their time to the study of history.

The learning of history is a critical element in educating our young people to become active and participatory citizens.

It is through the teaching of history that we gain an understanding of the concept of a shared past, and the journey that has brought us to the contemporary moment. That is an invaluable gift to carry forward from our schooldays, as we go out into the wider world to place our unique mark on our communities and societies.

By empowering all our citizens with an appreciation of how the past has shaped our modern world, we also enable them to realise the importance of engaged and proactive citizenship - understanding not only who we are today but who we might be, in co-operation with others, in the future.

I wish you success as you study the most important subject of history.

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