

Comenius project

The Comenius Project entitled "The Time Machine" consists of a series of travels to the past, the present and the future. Through these travels, the students will learn the common past of the participant countries, the influence of the past on the present and the possible future consequences of present behaviors and facts. This project presents a cultural twinning through which participants will learn different historic, literary, scientific and artistic aspects in an original and creative way. Each participant country will choose a relevant period of time in the past or the future and they have to transform the educational community to this specific period of time. Then they have to compare it to nowadays explaining its present influence. Here is a list of the periods that we are working on.

- The Classical period (Greece)
- The Middle Ages (Ireland)
- The Renaissance (Italy)
- The early Modern period, 17th-18th c.(Turkey)
- The late modern period, 20th - 23rd c. (Spain)

Objectives of the project:

To identify the most relevant physical and geographical features and learn social, cultural, historical and artistic aspects of the participant countries.

To learn about the European Union and analyze social, cultural and historical similarities and differences of participant countries.

To analyze the importance of the past to understand nowadays' society.

To study the causes and consequences of relevant past actions.

To examine the possible future consequences of any current behaviours.

To use the ICT as a means of communication, source of information and working tool.

To include the European framework in the school curricula by means of regular contact and cooperative work among teachers and students from all participant schools.

To foster artistic competence, imagination and creativity.

To promote student participation in the management and planning of the different tasks.

To offer a quality education based on the European scope and adapted to nowadays' needs. To develop the basic competences in all subjects involved in the project.

Methodology:

During the academic years 2011-2013, we will be working on our Comenius Project. We will have a website and blogs where students and teachers can upload our activities and projects, so the students from other countries can benefit from the work of others. We will also foster the mobility of students by visiting all the participant countries. These visits will take place throughout the two years that our project will last.

Each of the visits will represent a trip to the past. For instance, when we all meet in Greece, we will be living in the Classical Period. This means that the high school will have to decorate their facilities and organize activities which were typical at that period of time. In the preparatory visit, we will plan which country represents which period of time and what activities will be done during the visit.

Subjects involved: this project is multidisciplinary. This means that we will try to include as many different subjects as possible. However, the main focus will be on art, drama, literature, history, art history and philosophy.