

*Throughout history migration has represented a dramatic milestone in Sicily as it has allowed the steady growth of numerous Sicilian communities all over the world. The students of the local Liceo Scientifico “Leonardo” were able to trace this migratory process, referring mainly to the Ionic-Etnean area from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century up to now, through a thoroughly historical research. The outcome of this research has been displayed in the Etnean Migration Museum in Giarre.*

*The tour of the museum is organised into sections which illustrate step by step the various aspects of the phenomenon: the reasons why so many people left their native country in search of a better life, often urged by financially precarious conditions but also by the shipping companies operating even in the smallest village; their arrival at Ellis Island, USA, in Australia, in Africa, in the European countries; the statistical data of the phenomenon; the migrants’ stories and evidences, including an extensive documentation made up of passports, letters, documents, personal objects.*

*At the end of your “journey” you will realise how our ancestors’ history is a sort of mirror image of today’s migratory phenomenon.*

*The museum offers also a multimedia section- documentaries, short films and digital presentations of the students’ research- plus a rich collection of authentic newspaper clippings*