

Eco Schools Action Plan 2023-24

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Project teams/leads:

College grounds: Daniel, Jon (staff)

Waste: Lucy (student), Nick (staff)

Healthy living: Emily, Lydia, Danny (staff)

<p><u>Eco-Schools Topic</u> School(college) grounds</p> <p>Leads: Daniel, Jon (with help of Eco Action group)</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting herbs and autumn/winter hardy crops Planting trees (c. 400) in Nov/Dec 2023 and March 2024 (400). Re-installing nest boxes (some with cameras) Assembling / putting up bug boxes/hotels Assembling / putting up bat boxes Creating a new area for veg and fruit and using the existing raised beds for salad / herbs Maintaining/developing composting Growing flowers / herbs in planters around the polytunnel area for wellbeing and wildlife Planning/creating new seating areas in Polytunnel / garden / orchard area 	<p><u>Duration</u> September 2023 - July 2024</p>	<p><u>Monitoring Method</u> Updates from project group Feedback from those involved in planting and other outdoor activities</p>
<p><u>Aim</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To grow our own vegetables, fruit and herbs To enhance the grounds for nature To create more outdoor learning/social areas for students and staff using 'sustainable' materials Add planters with seasonal/colourful plants to contribute to student/staff wellbeing - insect friendly plants Keeping the grounds litter-free through student engagement 		<p><u>Informing & Involving Plans</u> 'Growing Futures' micro-site for gardening projects Eco 'noticeboard' on website Social media posts Staff/Student Weekly Screens around college Posters</p>	<p><u>Final Evaluation</u> Records of planting / produce / wildlife-friendly features(spreadsheet/photos) List of events/activities/classes held in grounds</p>
<p><u>Eco-Schools Topic</u> Waste</p> <p>Leads: Lucy, Nick (with help of Eco Action group)</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Raise Awareness/education</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Litterpick events, promote local initiatives (beach clean ups etc via PM google classroom) as well as organise our own at college Signs particularly on bins being specific with what goes in each bin Provide education hub information board Regular social media content to remind people about recycling etc <p>Reduce</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Single use plastic e.g. utensils, stirrers (commitment from Hutchisons) Encourage growing more food, helps reduce packaging <p>Re-use</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Refillable costa cups to be available - check what's on offer 	<p><u>Duration</u> September 2023 - July 2024</p>	<p><u>Monitoring Method</u> Updates from project group Collection data on recycling quantities / non-recycled waste Data on sales i.e. reduction in sales of bottled water</p>
<p><u>Aim</u></p> <p>To raise awareness of waste issues and inform college users of initiatives and opportunities available to support the 3 Rs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Reuse Recycle <p>Our goals are:</p> <p>To reduce single-use plastic waste (set some targets for this)</p>		<p><u>Informing & Involving Plans</u> Eco 'noticeboard' on website Social media - including regular updates on progress Screens around college Posters Staff / Student Weekly</p>	<p><u>Final Evaluation</u> Final monitoring data</p>

<p>To improve the communication of recycling in college To provide further recycling facilities, including for 'hard to recycle items' e.g. disposable vapes</p>	<p>2. Promotion of bring your own water bottle and refilling it rather than buy a new one every day</p> <p>Recycle</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vapes - promote 2. Food waste - raise awareness not to waste food, but what you can eat. Waste food collection bins. 3. Textiles - collection point but also promote clothes exchange scheme and charity shops 4. Tech kit - recycling being explored, promote purchasing refurbished phones etc. 5. Explore crisp packet recycling 6. Explore costa cups recycling 		
<p><u>Eco-Schools Topic</u> Healthy Living</p> <p>Leads: Emily, Lydia, Danny</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign in November 2023 - include strong focus on wellbeing and health aspects of 'climate-friendly' choices. • Arrange some guest speakers / talks e.g. on climate and food • Share resources with the college community • Work with 'Living Streets' and other organisations on the promotion of walking, cycling and sustainable travel 	<p><u>Duration</u> November 2023 - July 2024</p>	<p><u>Monitoring Method</u> Updates from project team Data on take-up of plant-based options in catering outlets Records of any meat-free days Data from 'Cut Your Carbon' Data on travel to college (need base-line survey and final survey)</p>
<p><u>Aim</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform/educate students and staff about the benefits of reducing meat consumption and adopting a more plant-based diet • To increase well-being activities in college linked to the natural environment • Promote sustainable transport, especially walking and cycling 		<p><u>Informing & Involving Plans</u> Eco 'noticeboard' on website Social media Screens around college Posters Staff / Student Weekly</p>	<p><u>Final Evaluation</u> Final monitoring data</p>