

Action Plan

Topic 1

Eco-Schools Topic	Biodiversity
Aim Write a short explanation of what you hope to achieve.	We aim to further improve the biodiversity of our grounds by creating new wildlife habitat and enhancing existing habitats. We also aim to encourage more students and staff to take an interest in biodiversity and understand more about the link to human wellbeing and health.
Action(s) Add actions you are going to take/projects you will deliver to achieve your aim. Include delivery dates to set yourself a timeline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new mini woodland area • Wildflower planting • Re-install bird boxes • Create a section of 'dead hedge' as wildlife habitat • Become a release site for rescued hedgehogs • Composting - continue to develop composting (wormery, traditional) • Put up bug boxes • International garden - plant herbs and pollinator-friendly flowers suitable for the area
Informing & Involving Explain how you are going to advertise your activities and involve your school community in them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular social media posts about biodiversity in our grounds • Awareness raising about the importance of biodiversity - events, social media • Information / interpretation signs
Monitoring & Evaluation Consider how you will monitor the impacts of your projects and evaluate their success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record the new habitat features created as against September 2024 baseline. • Record notable wildlife sightings / plant arrivals as evidence of impact

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Topic 2

Eco-Schools Topic	Marine
Aim	We aim to increase awareness in the college community about the importance of marine ecosystems. We aim to emphasise the particular importance of the Irish Sea as we are only around a mile away from it. We also aim to cut the amount of single-use plastic used and sold (as drinks bottles) in the college, especially because of the damage it does to the seas.
Action(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out a litter pick and a litter survey to identify what plastic waste is being thrown away• Emailing / contacting marine conservation organisations regarding their campaigns and share information with college community• Marine Week / Day (March 24th - 28th) including fundraising for marine conservation organisation, artwork, schools competition• Cutting use of single-use plastic in college, working with the college caterers.• Take part in a beach clean.
Informing & Involving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Love Our Oceans Week' - 24th-28th March• Plastic collection / artwork creation• Social media

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Litter survey to find baseline in March and then repeat in May
- Plastic bottle sales reduction - compare baseline at start of the year with sales in May
- Money raised for marine conservation charity
- Litter / beach cleans carried out

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Topic 3

Eco-Schools Topic	Healthy Living
Aim	We aim to build upon our work in 2023-24 to get the college catering company to increase the supply of plant-based options. We aim to increase student and staff awareness about the benefits of reducing meat and dairy consumption. We will also promote 'active travel' - walking and cycling as being good for health/wellbeing and for the planet.
Action(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revisit survey on plant-based options to see what it suggests about the need for further education on this topic• Speak to Hutchison's again about catering in college• Campaigning on plant-based / planet-friendly foods• Include an emphasis on plant-based days as part of the 'Cut Your Carbon' and also emphasise 'active travel' on health and wellbeing grounds• Link up with vegan food businesses and organise a promo day in college with 'tasting' - late May.• Look at food campaigns from others for inspiration e.g. unis which have gone largely plant-based• Promote active travel, working with external organisations and campaigns
Informing & Involving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social media• 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign• Event in college promoting plant-based options
Monitoring & Evaluation	Recording system for going plant-based for a day and active travel as part of Cut Your Carbon month in November 2024.