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ECO NEWSLETTER

Introduction from the Chairs of the Eco Committee - Alice and Elena

Welcome to the Earth Day special edition of our Blackpool Sixth Eco Newsletter.

In this edition we focus on transport, one of our key Eco Schools topics for the college this year. On pages 2 and 3 you can find the results of a survey we carried out about how students are getting to and from college. We are asking staff and students for further ideas on how to cut our college carbon footprint from travel in as fair and practical way as possible.

We've also got an article on the recent 'Vinted Live' event with our fantastic Fashion students - cutting emissions with style!

We've got lots more coming this term, including a 'Green Careers Fair' on Earth Day and a 'Switch Off' campaign. So look out for our next edition coming very soon.

Enjoy the newsletter and please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions on making our college as 'green' and sustainable as possible.

Alice and Elena on behalf of the Eco Committee.



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Hodgson Eco Club Visit

Lastly, we had a great joint meeting with Hodgson Eco Club last month.

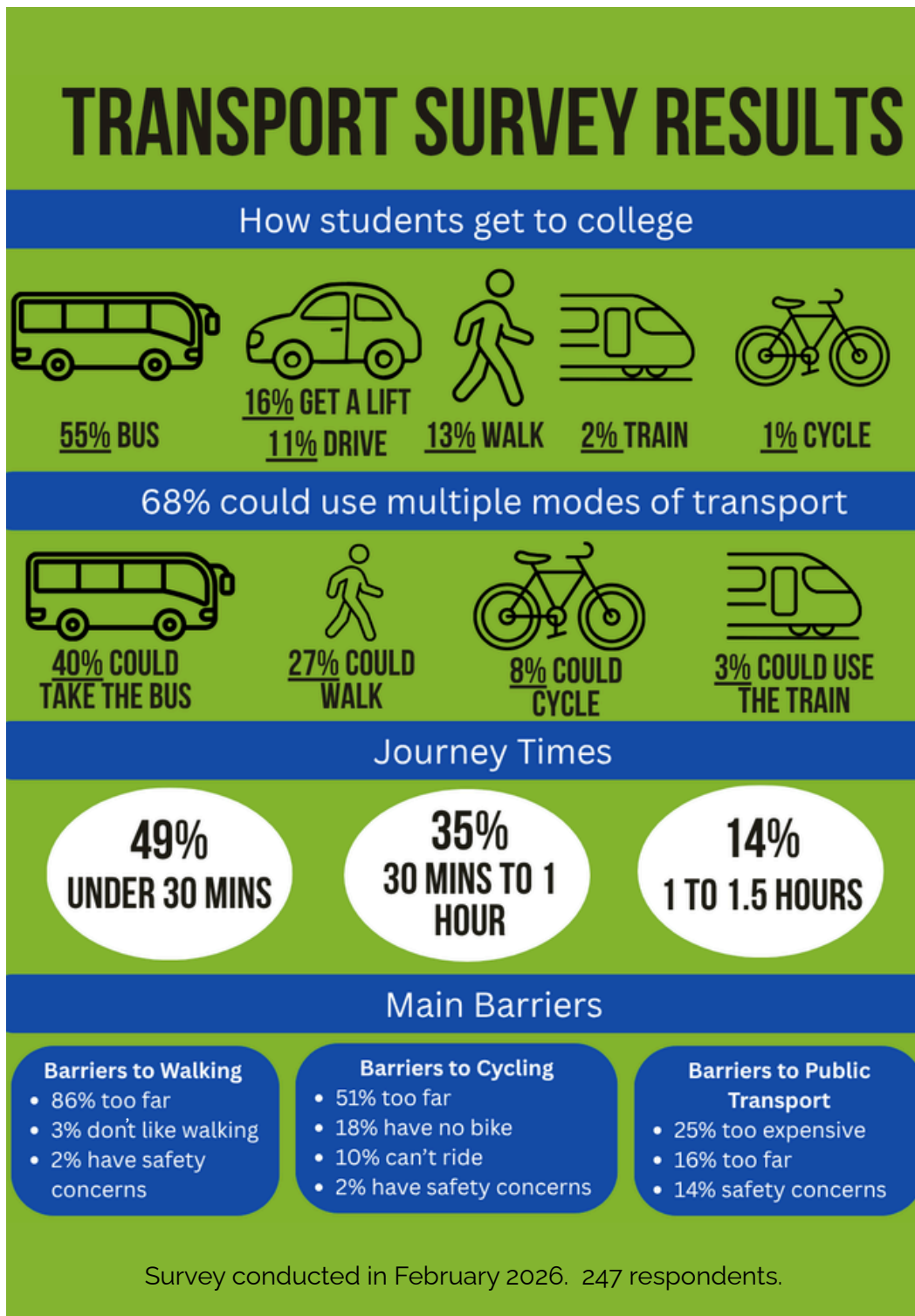
The group of brilliant Year 7s had a tour of our grounds and then we talked to them about ideas for working closely together.

Focus on Transport

Research from Eco Schools England suggests that around 40% of a school or college's carbon emissions come from the transport that its students and staff use to get to and from the site. A shift towards active and carbon-zero forms of transport - mainly walking and cycling - and also to public transport, is the way to achieve this.

The Eco Committee has included transport as a key element of our 2025-26 Action Plan. The first step was to find out more about student travel patterns and students from the Committee created a survey and held engagement events in the college foyer in February. 247 students completed the survey.

The infographic below gives the main findings:



It's great to see that the vast majority of students are using sustainable means of transport (over 70% use public transport or walk or cycle).



To cut our emissions further, we'd need to see more students and also staff taking these options at least some of the time.

Have your say on transport

We are inviting students and staff to send any thoughts on these findings and what more you would like to see done to help with the shift to more sustainable transport patterns.

Please send these via email to our Co-Chair Alice Tarpey s018316@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

The Eco Committee will be discussing the findings and your feedback with relevant college managers and with the Student Union, so some actions can be agreed for next year.

In the meantime, we are encouraging everyone to consider trying out active travel or public transport if you don't already do so. Even swapping a few car journeys during the term will make a big difference if everyone does it.



Vinted in Real Life

Fashion students take up the sustainability challenge

On Monday 23rd March, BTEC Fashion students held the college's first ever secondhand clothes sale, Vinted in Real Life. In collaboration with the Eco Committee, they collected clothes and planned the event.

They sold lots of items and **raised an amazing £293!** The money will go towards the running of their fashion sale. The students also gained a lot of experience and skills from the event.



Fashion student Amelia Platt said, *'I am really excited about how much we raised as this now means we can make a really good fashion show and put towards our materials'*

Fellow student Lewis Fuller commented, *'I really enjoyed being a part of the promotional videos for the clothes sale and getting myself a whole new wardrobe!'*

The fashion and clothing industry accounts for around 10% of the world's carbon emissions, so every step away from 'fast fashion' to a more sustainable industry matters.



Enterprising students scoop Sustainability Award

We're delighted to celebrate the success of our Leadership Academy students, Nuzhat Chowdury and James Butterworth at the Young Enterprise Regional Final held at Edge Hill University.

Their company, Blue Jean Revival, impressed judges with their innovative approach - designing and producing denim tote bags using recycled materials sourced locally in Blackpool from charity shops.

They were awarded the Sustainability Award, one of just four awards on the day and were competing against schools and colleges from across Lancashire.



Find out more about their work and how to buy their wonderful products on Instagram at:



[@blue_jean_revival](https://www.instagram.com/blue_jean_revival)



What can you do to help?

- Follow our '5 A Day For the Environment' Eco Code in college and at home
- Participate in the campaigns and activities organised by the Eco Committee
- Send your suggestions and ideas for 'eco' improvements to the Eco Committee
- Keep yourself informed about action on climate change and other environmental topics

5 a day for the Environment



1. Choose local food
2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
3. Use less water
4. Save energy
5. Travel sustainably



Coming soon - 'Switch off'

Our next edition will focus on energy and our 'switch off' campaign which will aim to cut wastage of electricity through lights and devices being left unnecessarily. We'll be launching some brilliant campaign artwork from Eco Committee member Seth and some top tips for cutting electricity bills at home.