



Climate action: the steps taken so far

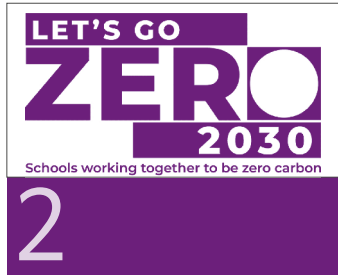
Becoming plastic free

In 2019 we banned the misuse of plastics on campus. Each pupil and member of staff is required to have a reusable bottle and cup, saving over 31000 bottles of water per year, and over 8000 paper cups per week!



Reducing our carbon footprint

The carbon footprint of UK schools is 9.4m tonnes of greenhouse gases per year. We signed up to the #LetsGoZero schools campaign, working with other schools across the country to find ways to move towards becoming carbon neutral.



Pupil leadership

Our pupils lead the charge in the fight against climate change. They have taken leadership roles in Brighton and Hove Youth Council's green committee and hosted county-wide Q&A events with MPs. One of our pupils is even a delegate at the COP26 conference and will be livestreaming from Glasgow.



Recycling and waste reduction

There are recycling hubs across the school, in every social space. These are managed by us in partnership with 14 different private schemes – meaning we can recycle items such as crisp packets, batteries, pens and bread bags. The local council often cannot recycle these, so we make sure that we can. Nothing from the College goes to landfill.



Greener buildings

Our four newest buildings are all BREEAM excellent, the highest mark of sustainability in buildings, placing each one in the top 10% globally for sustainable best practice. Everything from responsibly sourced materials, to construction, to utilising greywater is considered.



10 CHANGES WE'VE MADE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS



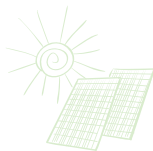
Innovative science

Under the Home Ground is an open-loop borehole. This provides heating and cooling for the four most recent buildings on site – the School of Science and Sport, the Yeoh Building, the Music School and Skidelsky. This is 300% more efficient than an individual boiler system!



Responsible food consumption

All food on campus comes from sustainable sources, often forming partnerships with local suppliers and businesses. Packaging is fully compostable where possible, and all food waste at the school is collected and turned into animal food or fertiliser.



Community partnerships

We've built relationships with several outside organisations and charities dedicated to environmental activism, such as Surfers Against Sewage and the Sussex Wildlife Trust. We work with them throughout the year on regular activities such as beach cleans and conservation sessions, encouraging pupils, their families and staff to get involved.



Transport updates

We're constantly reviewing our transport provision. We have installed two electric pool cars for staff to use for school travel, and purchased two new electric fleet vehicles due to arrive in 2022. We also continue to take part in Walk to School Week, and encourage pupils and staff who live locally to cycle to work and make the most of our increased bike storage facilities.



Investing in technologies

Staff and pupils embrace a hybrid approach to teaching, learning and working. Through an innovative combination of day-to-day technologies, we have been able to cut down on our travel and emissions through small, simple changes – like replacing some in-person meetings with video conferencing appointments.





Our climate action pledge: LOOKING TO THE NEXT TEN YEARS

We pledge to continue to work towards being a fully sustainable school and to reduce our overall environmental impact. To this end, we will publish our first ever long-term carbon reduction plan for the next ten years, to be shaped by our pupils.

OUR **CARBON REDUCTION PLAN** WILL FOCUS ON FOUR KEY THEMES:

1. Keep reducing our overall emissions, particularly via effective energy and transport management

2. Enhance our recycling provision and waste management

3. Explore even more sustainable food and drink practices – including the production of a low-carbon food menu

4. Produce a Biodiversity Action Plan to enhance biodiversity, improve green spaces and partner with community groups to care for local environments

An annual report will be produced each year to feed back on each of these themes. To help us with this, we will:

- Appoint our first **Head of Energy and Sustainability** to oversee our environmental strategy
- Appoint a new **Head of Sustainable Transport Services** to green our fleet of vehicles and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels
- Recognise our responsibility as part of a designated urban biosphere reserve: **The Living Coast**
- Commit to conserving the biodiversity of this biosphere for others to enjoy, both now and in the future
- Commit to educating our community about the importance of living sustainably
- Continue to partner with community organisations and work towards shared green goals
- Continue to ensure that any new buildings constructed are sustainable and meet the strict 'BREEAM excellent' standards
- Prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils and staff through creating a greener environment, encouraging active lifestyles, and encouraging an enjoyment of outdoor spaces.

