



# **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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## GODALMING COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

### **Statement**

Godalming College recognises that nations, institutions and individuals across the world are facing the serious challenge of how to deal with the dangers of global warming and climate change and the urgent need to protect our environment and conserve resources for the benefit of ourselves and future generations. The College wishes to play its part in reducing our use of energy and resources, raising awareness of environmental and global warming issues, and involving students and staff in campaigns and actions which will contribute to sustainable growth.

### **Aims**

The College will aim:

- To reduce the College's consumption of natural resources with the aim of reducing energy usage.
- To manage waste more efficiently so that wherever possible it can be recycled and reused
- To support suppliers who help to bring sustainability and equity to production, trade and consumption.
- To provide leadership and education to young people to raise their awareness of environmental issues and sense of responsibility in terms of reducing waste and conserving energy.
- To encourage students to show greater levels of responsibility in relation to ensuring the College campus is an attractive, tidy, safe and secure environment in which to study and socialise.

### **Areas to Address**

On the basis of the Eco Schools' website we have identified nine environmental 'categories of concern' to the College. These come under the titles of:

- Energy,
- Global perspective and responsibility,
- Healthy living,
- Consumable/waste management,
- Biodiversity,
- School grounds,
- Transport,
- Water use,
- Litter.

The College will analyse what good practices are already underway under each of these headings and identify areas for improvement on the basis of a priority list of actions.

## Implementing the Environment Policy

- The Principal and the Senior Management Team working under the oversight of the Corporation will have general responsibility for implementing the college Environment Policy.
- The College Environment Officer will have the role of advising senior managers on environmental issues with respect to the policy and convening the Environment Committee. *At present there is no one appointed to this role.*
- The Director of Services will be the senior manager with specific responsibilities for environmental matters working with the Environment Officer and sitting on the College Environment Committee.
- There will be a College Environment Committee of staff and students who will have responsibility for assimilating national policies and campaigns on the environment, developing ideas and proposals to help the College respond to these, reviewing College practices generally including the Environment Policy itself. *At present there is no College Environment Committee in place.*
- The College Environment Officer working with the Director of Services will produce an annual College Self Assessment Report analysing achievements in the year and setting targets for the year to come. *This requirement has been dispensed with and is now included within the Assessment Report for College Services and Resources.*