

Loreto's Sustainability Journey

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Loreto Sixth Form College



3600 Students



400 Staff



12 Acre Campus



7 Buildings





Sustainability Strategy

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Our Goals

To equip all our students with the environmental knowledge they need to contribute to mitigating climate change

To embed the sustainable development principles within all our curriculum programs

To Achieve Net Zero by 2035

To take all reasonable steps to reduce the College's impact on the environment



Priority Areas

- Environmental Education
- Community Engagement
- Biodiversity & the Natural Environment
- Energy & Carbon Management
- Food & Catering
- Travel & Transport
- Infrastructure
- Procurement
- Waste Management
- Water Management



Why?

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Why?

The right thing to do...

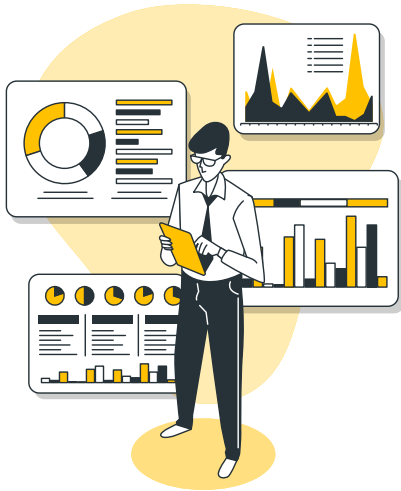
- Our students ever increasingly demand that we do more to protect our planet
- They often comment that they feel older generations aren't doing enough to tackle the climate crisis
- We believe that through the values of our college, we have a duty to educate our students on the biggest challenge faced by humanity in our lifetime.



Why?

Policy implications...

- DfE Climate Change Strategy requires all educational settings to establish a climate change action plan
- As a publicly funded body we have a role to play in supporting the journey to Net Zero nationally by 2050 and in GM by 2038
- By being ahead of the curve we will be well positioned for further tightening of environmental policy likely in the future



- Student Ambassadors
- Environment Committee
- Environment Week
- Carbon Literacy
- Networks
- Estate Projects
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How?

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Student Ambassadors

- 24 Environment Ambassadors
- Represent the student voice on sustainability matters
- Responsible for environmentally themed events through the academic year
- Hold the college to account on environmental progress



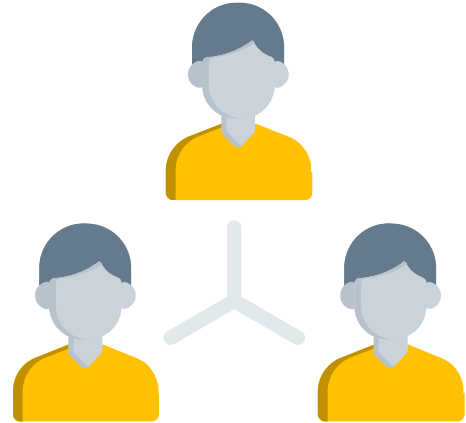
Environment Week

- Led by Student Environment Ambassadors
- Events included – Clothes swap shop, litter picks, debates, and a make a pledge event
- Aligns with an environmentally themed tutorial programme
- Engaged over 500 students through extracurricular, and all students through tutorial



Environment Committee

- Teaching & non-teaching staff including senior leadership
- Represent the staff voice on sustainability matters
- Run staff focussed campaigns through the year
- Provide additional resource to the Sustainability Manager
- Hold the college to account on environmental progress



Carbon Literacy

- From September 2023
- All Loreto Students will receive Carbon Literacy Training
- The training is designed by MMU for a College audience
- All students will receive certification from the Carbon Literacy Project upon completion of the course
- First College in the country to roll Carbon Literacy out to all



Estate Projects

- Developed a Heat Decarbonisation Plan
- PSDS funding for ASHP in our main building
- Switched 50% of lighting to LED across campus
- Allowing parts of our campus to grow wild
- Funding is a huge challenge



Networks

- ▶ Manchester Green Schools Network
 - ▶ We support Rob with the Central Network
 - ▶ Have found it to be a great platform for sharing and learning best practice
 - ▶ Empowers us all to be doing more
 - ▶ Recognises the limited resource available within our schools and colleges
 - ▶ Engages staff who may not be a designated school eco lead
- ▶ UK Sustainable Schools Network
 - ▶ North-West Group Launched in April
 - ▶ Led by Wendy Litherland, St



Behaviour Change

- Run campaigns on:
 - Reducing printing
 - Promoting refillable bottles
 - Switching devices off at end of day
 - Encouraging active travel
- Removed plastic water bottles from cafeterias
- Removed paper towels from bathrooms
- Introducing bees as a sustainability communication tool
- Decreased energy usage 24% in April on previous year



Thanks



Do you have any questions?

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