

Sustainability Statement

As Grey Court School strives to better the futures of its students for further education and employment, it values the importance of the future of the planet; it is why significant measures are being implemented in order to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Cutting down waste is one of the biggest ways in which individuals and organisations can reduce their environmental impact. Due to this, Grey Court School will see ambitious additions to the current recycling scheme with cardboard, plastics, glass, food waste, pens, metal cans, paper, tin foil and even crisp packets to all have allocated recycling disposal areas within the school. While the responsible disposal of waste is of extreme importance, removing the production of waste in the first place holds even higher value. We are all aware of the negative impacts plastics are having on the planet. Along with providing areas in which to recycle plastics, the addition of a further two working water fountains within the school will combat the need to buy single use water bottles. From beverages to food, Grey Court School looks to be more sustainable. Exploring the option that all fish served on the popular “fish and chip Friday” is sustainably sourced, will help to ensure fish stocks for years to come. Being environmentally friendly and sustainable is important for the world: climate change, mass pollution and global fish stock insecurity are all major threats that we can help against as a school. Yet, we also want to be looking after the local environment, it's why bird boxes, bat boxes and bug hotels will soon be put up around the school site in order to boost biodiversity. Furthermore, the addition of plants like bamboo will also be planted in pots with the additional benefit of it being an evergreen providing greenery throughout the year. Our on-site allotment aims to promote growing and using local produce alongside providing students with gardening skills. Our green wall which is part of the ‘Green up’ scheme sees student volunteers improve the greenery around the school. In addition to the school, our Sixth Form students have built a great partnership with the Ham Lands project and volunteer for them every Wednesday. They have undertaken a range of land management work, including clearing brambles and observing the changes in the area in different seasons.

From providing greenery, to being green for the planet, it doesn't always require large amounts of money or effort in order to be more environmentally friendly, Grey Court School

is taking measures to help the planet and the wildlife around it but will always be striving for new ways in which to adapt and change to better the world.