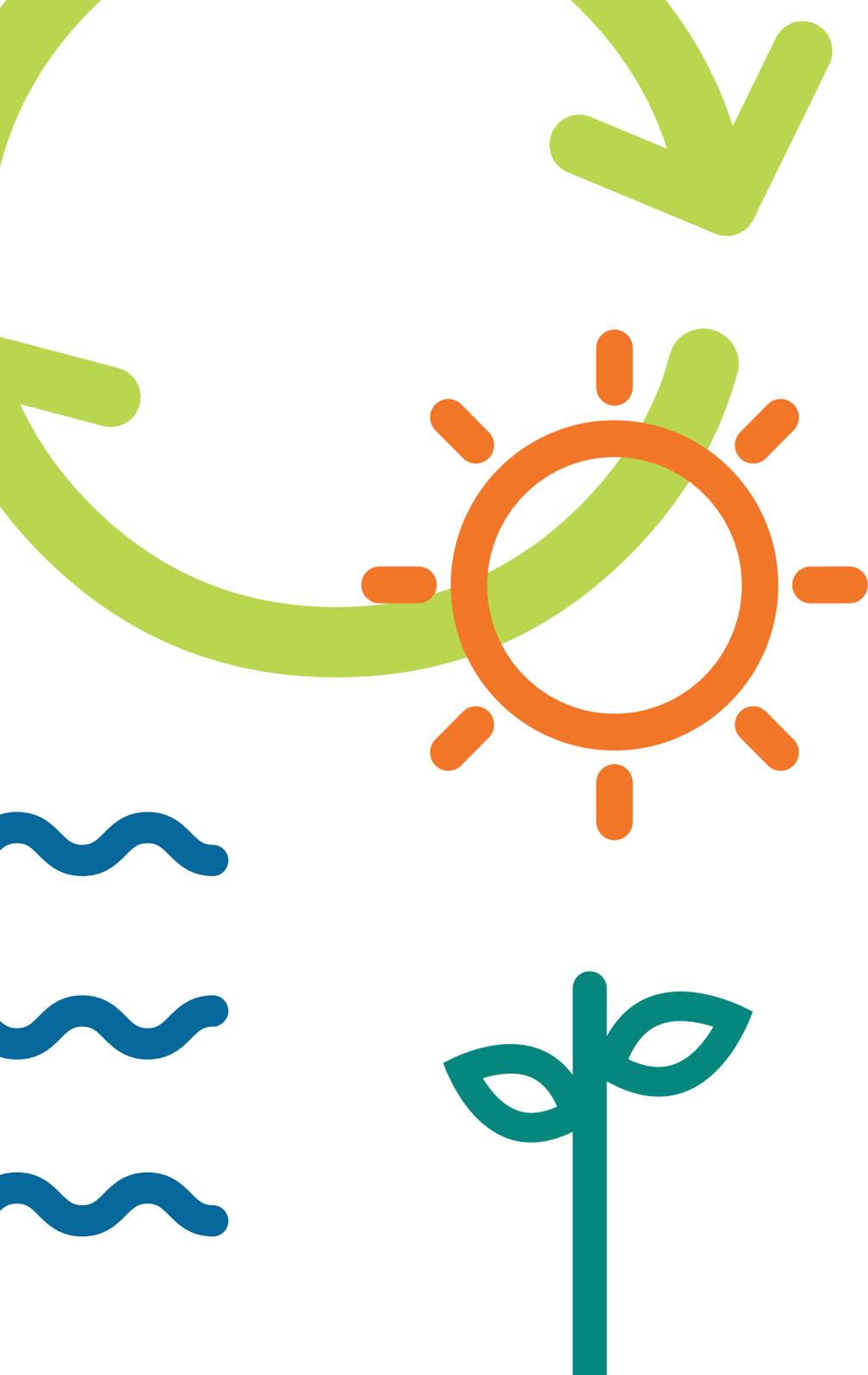


Introducing the
Green Schools Project



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KEY POINTS

- Make your school an environmentally friendly place while saving money on energy bills.
- Get guides, presentations and resources that take all the planning time and effort out of running an Eco-Team
- Help students to build skills, compete with other schools, and give them a headstart with progression to university and jobs.
- Students of all ages can enjoy taking action on environmental issues, helping to change behaviour in their community.

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Green Schools Project is an exciting new programme, with bespoke resources for primary and secondary pupils, which will transform the attitudes and behaviour of your school community towards the local and wider environment. Taking part can save your school thousands of pounds on energy costs, while helping your students to build important skills that will help them to achieve their potential.

Are you frustrated by the lack of opportunity and curriculum time for students to engage with environmental issues outside a few science or geography lessons? Has your school started an environmental programme but lost its momentum? Would you really like to get involved with these issues, but just don't have the time to do the planning and research required?

Green Schools Project facilitates fun and engaging student-led activities with guides, presentations and resources that are easy to follow and ready to use. All resources and materials have been suitably differentiated and are accessible for both primary and secondary needs, saving you valuable time and effort.

Students carrying out the projects have access to a interactive portal on the Green Schools Project website where they will be set tasks and given the opportunity to upload evidence that they have achieved them, gaining points and competing against other schools on the leaderboard.

Just 2 years after Green Schools Project was founded, 28 schools are implementing its projects and resources, with 48% of schools gaining an Eco-Schools award in the past year, including one Green Flag. All that is required is to assemble a group of students, hold a meeting once a week, and channel their energy and enthusiasm to run the projects.

The guides for secondary school resources are written for students, who can take the lead on the projects. For primary schools, the guides provide the coordinator with step by step instructions on how to facilitate your eco team, leaving the power points to be engaging and accessible to younger students. All projects undertaken by any pupil at any age, will help develop valuable skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork and problem solving.

Joining Green Schools Project provides the coordinator with a great opportunity to enhance their career progression by demonstrating an ability to run a project that has an impact across the whole school.

Green Schools Project is more than just a set of resources, it is a network and community of environmentally friendly schools, with competitions to drive engagement, social media encouraged to promote activities, and links to businesses to help with progression into university and the workplace.

Have a look at the website for more information, look at the case studies and videos and get in touch if you are interested in joining. There has never been a greater need for schools and young people to engage with environmental issues, working with Green Schools Project makes that a whole lot easier.



WHAT WILL I GET WHEN I JOIN THE GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT?

1. AN EASY START UP GUIDE AND RESOURCES

- Simple guide outlining how to get a group of students together to start an Eco-Team.
- Ready to go editable recruitment assembly and poster.
- PowerPoint Presentation to use in Eco-Team meetings differentiated for primary and secondary schools.
- Templates for an environmental review, action plan, and meeting minutes, an example assembly for the Eco-Team to promote their group and guidance on how to apply for Eco-Schools awards.

2. GUIDES AND RESOURCES FOR AN ENERGY SAVING CAMPAIGN AND OTHER PROJECTS

- Enable students to run an energy saving campaign that saved Kingsmead School £37,000 over 3 years and helped students to build important skills while organising and delivering the campaign.
- Choose one other project from the following options:
- Recycling, Travel to School, Vegetable Garden, Environment Day, Poster Project

Where each project has:

- An easy to follow step by step guide that can be given to the Eco-Team to follow.
- A PowerPoint presentation outlining the steps that can be displayed in meetings.
- Various templates and resources that will help with each step of the project, minimising planning and preparation time.

3. ACCESS TO AN INTERACTIVE STUDENT PORTAL

- Pupils in the eco team will be given a student login which will provide access to interactive tasks.
- On uploading evidence they have completed these tasks, they will be awarded points that will move the school up a leaderboard providing competition against other schools, increasing motivation and engagement in the projects.

4. ACCESS TO OTHER ECO-FRIENDLY OPPORTUNITIES

Save time looking for other opportunities to get involved in by looking at the Green Schools Project noticeboard. This outlines a variety of workshops, funding sources and other support to make your school even more Green!

5. ON-GOING SUPPORT

Support is available according to your needs at any stage from an expert with first-hand experience of implementing these projects.

All schools with complete membership will be entitled to a minimum of two visits which can be used to deliver an assembly, provide staff training or energy saving support.



HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Registering for an account is free of charge and allows you to download the Coordinator Guide. Once you have registered you can find details of two packages from which to choose:

Basic Membership 1 year
Secondary: £250
Primary: £150

Complete Membership 1 year
Secondary: £750
Primary: £550

Whichever option you choose, when weighed against the potential saving of thousands of pounds that a well-run energy saving campaign will generate, this could be the best investment your school can make.

For more information about Green Schools Project and its benefits visit the website www.greenschoolsproject.org.uk

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PERSONAL PROFILE



Henry Greenwood is founder and managing director of Green Schools Project. In the summer of 2015 he gained an award from UnLtd which provides funding for social entrepreneurs, has been supported by the Teach First Innovation Unit, has won funding and support from the RSA and gained a place on the School of Social Entrepreneurs Start Up Programme.

As part of the first cohort of Teach First in 2003 Henry trained as a Maths teacher at Kingsmead School in Enfield. After teaching in Asia for a few years he returned to Kingsmead in 2009, and wanting to combine his passions for education and the environment, he created and developed the role of Sustainability Coordinator.

Having assembled a group of enthusiastic Year 12 students they embarked on an energy saving campaign that saved the school over £35,000 over 3 years, started a recycling competition in which 93% of forms took part, installed solar panels, created a vegetable garden selling potatoes, onions and carrots to staff, and carried out various other projects for which they were awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag.

After 2 years as Head of Maths at Skinners' Academy he decided to step out of teaching in order to start Green Schools Project. The ideas and resources built up during the successful programme at Kingsmead have been used as the basis for this.