



Eco modelling at Isaac Newton Academy

At Isaac Newton Academy we want our students to be healthy, happy and environmentally aware, modelling excellent citizenship both within the Academy, the wider community and globally.

It is therefore essential, that all members of the Academy model excellent practice in the area of sustainability.

The extra-curricular Eco club is working towards the bronze, silver and green flag schools' Eco Award. This award covers the following areas:-

Energy, Water, Biodiversity, School Grounds, Healthy Living, Transport, Litter, Waste, Global Citizenship.

The Youth Travel Ambassadors are working towards Gold having received Silver in 2015.

The Academy does not have to focus on all areas but Energy is an essential component of the award. We are keen to ensure that sustainability issues are embedded into the school culture and have therefore highlighted in this paper some key areas of good practice which all members of the school community should follow.

Energy

Although many of the lights within the Academy are on a sensor and eventually switch off, it is important to get into the practice of physically turning the light switch off if you are the last person to leave a room. Computers, photocopiers etc should also be fully switched off at night. This is particularly important in ICT suites. Overhead projectors should be switched off when you have finished using them. Generally, it is important to just be aware of the amount of energy you are using in the Academy both from a cost and environmental concern.

Waste and litter

Recycling is a key issue within the Academy. It is expected that everything that can be recycled will be. Recycling bins will take all mixed recycling – paper, plastic, cans. Cardboard can be recycled and should be kept separate and placed in the SITA bin. The bins are located within the waste and recycling area outside the kitchen area. Mixed recycling should be placed in the blue bins which are located in the classrooms and offices. The dining area will have bins for mixed recycling, food waste and general waste. General waste should be kept to a minimum and students should be encouraged to recycle everything they are able to.

Printing

There is a printing strategy in place in order to ensure that printing is undertaken cost effectively. However, we would ask that you “think before you print” and re-use paper for scrap where possible.

Transport

The Academy's Travel Plan strongly encourages students to walk to school or to travel on public transport. We run various initiatives to develop this and survey students and staff annually to establish modes of transport.

School grounds and biodiversity

Some areas within the school grounds facilitate exciting initiatives taking place which encourage wildlife, the growing of fruit and vegetables and composting. These initiatives can link into a number of the extra-curricular activities taking place across the school

The Youth Travel Ambassadors have a noticeboard which updates the school community on various initiatives.

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