

Empowering Global Citizens: Our Vision for Tomorrow

Why Global Citizenship Matters:

5. **Environmental Stewardship:** Global citizenship includes a commitment to environmental sustainability. We encourage eco-friendly practices and educate students on their role as stewards of the planet.
- a) By creating a **paper recycling scheme** to raise awareness about why it is important for the environment.

Why Is the environment important?

With the help of the school tutors and encouraged by the actions of Mr M Chrastina, student have been learning and debating why recycling is important for the environment. Students agreed that it gives us clean air, water, food, materials and space for recreation. Spending time in nature is good for our mental health. And if we do not take care of the planet, its climate and ecosystems, we undermine how our societies function, worsen our lives and, perhaps most directly, harm our own well-being. Specifically, Paper recycling helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It takes 70% less energy and water to recycle paper than to create new paper products from trees. Recycling just one ton of paper saves 17 trees as well as 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.

So, an action plan has been put in place:



ACTION

COLLECTING PAPER IN CLASSROOMS

Every classroom is provided with a recycle bin for all paper used in school. Use it to throw away any paper or cardboard you no longer need.

BEING CAREFUL

Recycle only paper and cardboard! No plastic, no tissues, no food or cans!

EMPTYING BINS TO A CONTAINER

Every now and again, when the classroom recycling bin is full, students nominated by their tutors, will take the paper to the large dedicated container at the carpark.

CONTAINER EMPTIED EVERY SECOND WEEK

This large commercial container will be emptied on a regular basis to make sure the school always has capacity to collect more paper waste.

We encourage environmental stewardship by:

- a) Running an enrichment programme in which **recycling** is encourage and **climate action**.

Our wonderful Y13 students have been working hard under the “Cash for trash” scheme, raising money for a charity enterprise programme. In just one hour they have already raised £50 with more to come! No time has been wasted with some money already used to support a local charity “Invisible Crystal Palace”. Invisible Crystal Palace is a charity based in South East London which brings people together from a wide range of backgrounds through shared interests for collective activity. Working across the five boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, in the neighbourhoods that surround Crystal Palace Park. Invisible Palace creates activities which are active and practical, with an emphasis on experiential learning that is rooted in the story of the local area and people’s place within it.



CASH FOR TRASH!
Turn old books into...

...£££

This year the MFL department has launched a 'Cash for Trash' trial scheme. This is where students and teachers work together towards selling unwanted or unused books in exchange for money for charity.

This new scheme couldn't come at a better time. New research has revealed that 70% of people feel guilty for not recycling properly. Another 58% admitted that they do not know how to dispose of goods correctly, either.

Your green efforts will benefit not only you and SJC but the planet as a whole. We have already raised funds to create a small vegetable garden for the students to relax in, but with your help we can do much more!

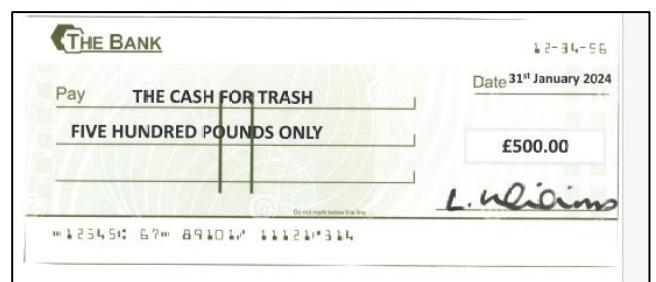
So what better time than this year to look into our drawers, cupboards and even in the school attic for all those books which are no longer used and collecting dust.

It's just one of SJC's recycling measures to help our students to benefit from a better future. You will help to collect and price the books, catalogue them (if necessary), search potential buyers, organise the delivery to the relevant buyer and decide how the money should be spent.

Our new scheme aims to:

- Raise money for **charity**
- Help the school to **recycle**
- Help you to **acquire useful skills which would boost your CV**
- Help you to **keep fit** by going up and down the stairs with books!

Have you got any old books you could trade in?



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