



CHEL TENHAM  
COLLEGE

# Climate Action Plan

2024 - 2025

**Green**



**Growing**

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## OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

### Introduction

This Climate Action Plan has been developed in alignment with the updated Cheltenham College Sustainability Strategy. Whilst the Sustainability Strategy outlines our broad vision, fundamental principles and long-term goals, this Action Plan provides a detailed scope of our short and medium-term objectives and the specific actions agreed for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

It has been specifically developed with participation from the Sustainability Working Group (SWG), which includes representatives from The Prep and College staff, as well as the Senior School Sustainability Prefect.

### Action Areas of Work – Objectives and Priority Actions

Our primary objective for this year will be to build on the successful sustainability projects and direct actions implemented during the 2023-2024 Academic Year. We will continue to ensure that sustainability projects have a positive effect on our school community by embedding sustainability into the school's operations and scaling successful initiatives. Additionally, we will advance several of our key long-term initiatives, with a particular emphasis on waste management and energy reduction. A crucial aspect of our efforts will be advancing our data collection and analysis processes for energy management, allowing us to make more informed decisions and track progress effectively.

We will maintain our focus on the significance of educational and engagement initiatives for our students, while also communicating our values and progress to all stakeholders including staff, pupils, parents and the local community.

Considering these objectives, the following priority actions have been identified for this Academic Year:

### *Operational Projects*

- Complete our Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) Phase III Action Plan and utilise it to guide our Energy Management Strategy.
- Improve our processes for energy data collection and analysis to more effectively monitor energy consumption.
- Continue the implementation of our new recycling and waste management systems across Boarding Houses and Office spaces.
- Capture and share the key biodiversity and ecological features of our gardens, with a focus on the Prep Lake, to foster a deeper connection with, and appreciation for, the natural environment.
- Support and collaborate with our Catering partner in their initiatives to reduce food waste and capture the carbon footprint of menu items.

- Enhance the experience for cyclists and pedestrians within The Prep and Sports Centre car parks, while expanding the availability of bike stands.
- Identify and implement further measures to reduce the use of disposable materials.
- Explore additional locations for rain gardens and irrigation systems, ensuring pupil involvement in their development.
- Assess and quantify our paper consumption and printing statistics to gain a comprehensive understanding of our usage patterns and identify opportunities for reduction.
- Improve our awareness of our purchasing practices to transition towards more sustainable products and suppliers whenever possible.

### *Education and Engagement Initiatives*

- Collaborate with the Science Department to incorporate sustainability principles into the curriculum through the redevelopment of the Science Garden.
- Build upon the success of the Sustainability Newsletter by integrating pupil contributions and expanding its scope to reach a broader audience.
- Deliver engaging sustainability events, talks, and workshops, potentially leveraging the expertise of parents involved in sustainability sectors.
- Expand opportunities to embed sustainability within co-curricular activities and volunteering programmes.
- Develop a set of practical sustainability practices that students can implement throughout the school day.
- Provide leadership development opportunities for the Senior Sustainability Prefect, encouraging collaboration with the Prep School pupils on sustainability initiatives and activities.

### *Community and Collaboration*

- Collaborate with our Sustainability Prefect to empower them in driving positive change and leading pupil initiatives.
- Utilise social media platforms and School Newsletters more effectively to communicate sustainability updates and achievements to parents and the wider community.
- Develop content for the Cheltenham College sustainability website page, recognising the positive marketing opportunities of our sustainability work.
- Explore opportunities to collaborate with international school partners on sustainability projects.
- Foster connections with members of the Old Cheltonian (OC) network.
- Increase collaboration with local charities and networks to advance a 'Reuse, Reduce & Recycle' initiative.