

# Eco Citizen

## In-school environmental activity ideas for Secondary schools

Find ways to involve the whole school recycling more, wasting less and create long term sustainable and environmental solutions.

Locations to address include classrooms, break out areas, canteen/cafeteria, staff room, hall, corridors and offices.

### Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Ensure all the recycling bins are signed correctly and easily accessible. Print off free bin posters at [www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-resources](http://www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-resources)
- Speak to the school site manager / caretaker / cleaning staff about the issues they deal with every day and what could be done to address them.
- Implement policy of no single use plastic bottles permitted on-site, only reusable water bottles.
- Create an Eco Challenge Ideas Box for students to post ideas and highlight on-site eco issues to be addressed, e.g., single-use plastic water bottles for sale in the canteen could be swapped to water jugs.
- Contact your local Parish council for support and possible small community grant
- Litter pick. Visit [www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/litterpicking](http://www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/litterpicking) for advice and how to borrow litter pick kits for free.
- Work with the school kitchen / caterers to compost school food and garden waste. Create a vegetable plot. Install a water butt / compost bin
- Sign up for Bag2school and fundraise by collecting old clothes
- Set eco TikTok challenges / create videos around school
- Install water fountains / mini solar panels/ mini wind turbines
- Plant trees, flowers in local play area / community
- Hold a reworked fashion show
- Collect in items to donate to the local Foodbank
- Start a lunchtime/after school Sewing club. Learning how to sew is a lifelong skill that will help you to repair and reuse items.
- Junk model artwork competition

These ideas could also be used as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme voluntary work.

If you require any support or guidance in implementing these ideas or would like to tell us about what eco initiatives you have achieved in school, please contact the Environment and Waste team by email: [wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

