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Dear Parents/Carers

This term, Year 8 will be learning about recycling clothes and be as sustainable as possible working towards the Eco School's Green Flag Award.

An estimated £140million worth of used clothing is thrown into landfill every year, that is 350,000 tonnes. This clothing can take around 30-40 years to biodegrade in a landfill site. Around 30% of clothing in the average UK wardrobe has not been worn for more than a year, most often because it no longer fits or is no longer fashionable.

We think this is a valuable opportunity to learn about sustainability and recycling in the current climate crisis. It is important that the students increase their understanding of how to be sustainable and what they can do to help look after the planet we live on.

Students will benefit from a development of enterprise skills of leadership, communication, teamwork and presenting through organising a fashion show and pop up shop. There will also be many social benefits of improving transferrable skills employers want;

- problem solving,
- decision making,
- research,
- analysis,
- management,
- creativity.

Students will learn about how to reduce, re-love and recycle items, through the project activities of the pop-up second-hand clothes shop and a fashion show. The "Re-love our stuff" event allows students to make a difference to the world they live in by shining a light on the issue of "fast fashion" and sustainable clothing. The pop-up shop can stock donated uniform, prom dresses and club uniforms.

If you have any concerns or comments, please let us know.

Yours faithfully

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Progress Leader Year 8



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