



West Sussex Wastebusters Launches

Empowering young people to play an active role in creating a greener, more sustainable future both in their local communities and on a global scale, is a vital part of their education.

The vision for the recently launched DfE strategy for sustainability and climate change for the education and children's services systems is for the UK to be the world-leading education sector in sustainability and climate change by 2030.

In support of this renewed focus on preparing young people for a world impacted by climate change, Wastebuster and West Sussex Waste Partnership are delighted to announce the launch of two new programmes. Developed following consultations with West Sussex schools, the programmes tap into young peoples' eagerness to create a greener, more sustainable world and reduce their impact on climate change.

The **West Sussex Secondary School's Waste Education Programme** has been created to inform, inspire, and empower the whole school community, encouraging the adoption of responsible, proactive consumer behaviours whilst unlocking considerable environmental and financial benefits for schools.

The programme provides an extensive range of free resources available at [online](#) which:

- explore recycling and waste, and sustainability in the classroom;
- deliver waste reduction and recycling campaigns;
- deliver student engagement initiatives;
- find additional helpful information and services.

West Sussex Climate Enterprise Challenge

As part of the programme, Key Stage 3 students have a fantastic opportunity to have their local waste reduction ideas made a reality. The West Sussex Climate Enterprise Challenge is an opportunity to win a £500 grant, mentoring and project delivery support from waste industry, communications, and business development professionals.

The challenge offers a media-rich learning pathway for students to understand the link between waste and climate change, how these challenges present themselves on a local level in West Sussex, and how they can be agents of change through hands-on activity.

Students that complete the Enterprise Challenge waste and climate change lessons will be able to present their short-listed project ideas to a panel of cross-sector representatives for feedback. As they progress through the enterprise programme, they will have an opportunity to gain transferable skills, taking their project from inception to reality and measuring the environmental difference it makes.

Sign up now to attend the launch webinar Climate Enterprise Challenge Launch Webinar on 19th October 2022 from 11:00 – 12:00 by emailing info@wastebuster.co.uk. Further information is also available [online](#).



West Sussex Wastebusters Club

The second initiative launching this term is the West Sussex Wastebusters Club for primary aged children. The club has been created to support eco-teams, teachers, and families to encourage and empower younger children to care for the environment.

Through [Wastebusters Club](#), schools and families can access fun and engaging activities about recycling and waste, including:

- seasonal upcycling and craft activities
- videos on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling
- digital badges and an online badge book to track their progress
- a recycling locator tool to find out exactly what can be recycled and where (at home, out and about, in recycling centres and retailers)
- competitions.

To celebrate the launch of **West Sussex Wastebusters Club**, schools have the chance to enter the **Recycling Star Competition**. To enter, simply complete the quiz, earn your Wastebuster Star badge and email ianm@Wastebuster.co.uk to confirm that you have completed the challenge!

The first ten classes/eco-teams to complete the **Wastebuster Star Video Quiz!** will win an eco-team pack including:

- a special Captain Busta plushie mascot made from recycled plastic bottles
- Wastebuster Top Trumps
- recycled stationery
- refillable Wastebuster water bottles

Wastebuster owns The Pod and is a non-profit environmental education organisation. The West Sussex Secondary School's Waste Education Programme and the West Sussex Wastebusters Club are provided free to West Sussex secondary schools by the West Sussex Waste Partnership.