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OUR SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

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What?

Understand - Engage - Enact

We will look to understand our impact and actions. Then we will engage our staff, students and stakeholders to enable us to enact changes.

When?

This is an ongoing pledge and we aim to publish updates on our journey to net zero, annually.

How?

We will do this by committing to our pledge and achieving our objectives.

Why?

We are led by our values and behaviours. Harrogate College is committed to providing and encouraging an inclusive, progressive and nurturing community. This means protecting the environment for ourselves and others. It means being responsive to change and developments and rising to the challenge. It means being forward-thinking and organised for the future. It means working collaboratively for climate action.

Harrogate College is progressing to be a centre of green excellence and has made a pledge to move toward being net zero. We advocate sustainable practice and a green, circular economy.

Our Values
Inclusive-Progressive-Nurturing
Our Behaviours
Respectful - Kind - Collaborative
Honest - Responsive - Organised

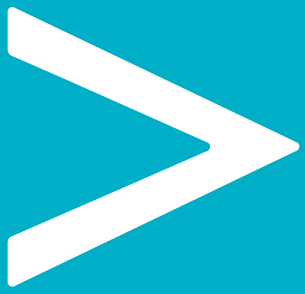
Harrogate College's pledge

We pledge to:

- Become a Net Zero Carbon college as soon as we can.
- Support and advocate for sustainable practice which drives a greener, fairer and stronger society.
- Make students and staff aware of environmental issues and climate action.
- Transform our institution to be prepared for the future, using the Climate Action Roadmap to guide us.
- Change the physical, cultural and behavioural aspects of Harrogate College

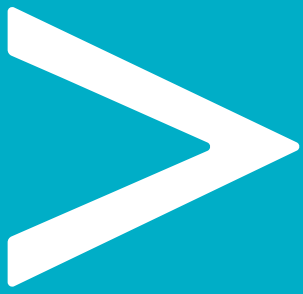
Physical

- Change our estate and buildings to allow for energy reduction and generation.
- Implement policies to increase more environmentally-friendly travel.
- Ensure areas of our estate are dedicated to wildlife and planting.
- Encourage biodiversity on our estate and help those in the community to protect it.
- Measure our carbon footprint and publish the findings.
- Actively reduce our carbon footprint and become Net Zero.



Cultural

- Embed sustainability through our values and behaviours.
- Partner with organisations that value sustainability.
- Ensure Carbon Literacy is offered to all students.
- Embed Green activities into student life.
- Ensure sustainability is covered across the curriculum.
- Embed sustainability into staff development.
- Develop a brand to unify our work on sustainability.
- Prioritise sustainability in governance and run a Sustainability Committee.



Behavioural

- Introduce bespoke courses and training to help businesses operate sustainably and react to new challenges.
- Hold events to support climate action.
- Reduce waste and encourage responsible procurement.
- Allow for volunteering opportunities in climate action.
- Sign the Global Climate Letter and commit to the Race to Zero.
- Achieve awards that recognise our work in sustainability.
- Work collaboratively with other organisations to strengthen our work.

We work collaboratively to help drive change.
The sustainable development goals guide us.

We won't do this alone. We will work with businesses and our community through networks, events and advocacy.

Harrogate Borough Council

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HDC Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce

Zero Carbon Harrogate

Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition

Harrogate College Employers' Network.

Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB)
World Heritage Site (Fountains Abbey)
Conservation Areas
Historic Parks & Gardens
Other Attractions
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LEYBURN
MASHAM
NORTHALLERTON
THIRSK
RIPON
BOROUGHBRIDGE
PATELEY BRIDGE
GRASSINGTON
KNARESBOROUGH
HARROGATE
SKIPTON
ILKLEY
OTLEY
BRADFORD
LEEDS
TADCASTER
WETHERBY
YORK
Middlesmoor
Lofthouse
Ramsgill
Wath (Nidderdale)
Hackfall
Bishopton
Studley Roger
Bishop Monkton
Burton Leonard
Roecliffe
Aldborough
Marton cum Grafton
Glasshouses
Summerbridge
Staveley
Great Ouseburn
Little Ouseburn
Ripley
Farnham
Scriven
Hampsthwaite
Whixley
Nun Monkton
Green Hammerton
Kirk Hammerton
Goldsborough
Plompton
Hunsingore
Timble
Pannal
Follifoot
Tockwith
North Deighton
Bilton in Ainsty
Nesfield
Clifton
Denton
Weston
Leathley
Spofforth
Kirk Deighton
Kirkby Overblow
Leeds Bradford International Airport
Swinton Castle
Leighton Reservoir
Roundhill Reservoir
Scar House Reservoir
Angram Reservoir
Gouthwaite Reservoir
Thruscross Reservoir
Fewston Reservoir
Swinsty Reservoir
River Nidd
River Ouse
River Lire
Lightwater Valley
Norton Conyers
Ripon Cathedral
Ripon Races
Newby Hall & Gardens
Studley Royal & Fountains Abbey
Brimham Rocks
Stump Cross Caverns
Ripley Castle
Allerton Park
Plompton Rocks
Kibston Hall
Harewood House
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