

Case study: Dorothy Stringer High School

The Environmental Education Officer has been responsible for teaching year 7-10 PSE Environmental Education at Dorothy Stringer High School since 1991. Ongoing council commitment to the PSE Curriculum & the Eco Schools programme, combined with good SMT support for Environmental Education, has enabled the school to achieve permanent Green Flag status. Two teachers are given protected non-teaching time to deliver a range of Environmental Education projects, including:

- An Environmental Education GCSE, delivered in the Environment Centre, a refurbished classroom.
- School Grounds which include a Wildlife Area, a pond, a meadow, butterfly haven and coppice woodland.
- Events open to parents and students from other schools, such as Woodland Working Days, where families can come and tend to the coppice woodland, and a playgroup where children from Balfour Infants and Juniors enjoy activities such as pond-dipping, which utilise the wealth of school grounds resource.
- A herd of sheep, to graze on the meadow
- An internal 'Green pages' publication sent out to all parents.
- An 'Ecology Lunch Club', in addition to the Eco Committee required by the Eco Schools Programme.
- A variety of school trips with an eco theme.
- An extensive, embedded culture of recycling.

The school has recently been successful in applying for funding to install solar panels on the roof of the Environment Centre.

Case study: Hove Park School

Hove Park School has been a registered Eco School for several years but has not achieved any award status, despite the work of several dedicated members of staff. The school is split-site with the main Eco Contact based in the science department of the Upper School. A successful team of 'Eco Dudes' are responsible for organising the site's recycling and some use has been made of the school's allotment. Meanwhile the Lower School doesn't even have adequate litter bins on site, thus failing the simple Environmental Review which is a key part of the criteria for Bronze Award. The Lower School Eco Contact is an enthusiastic LSA who has encouraged some of the school's most challenging students to engage with the environment. There is little concerted support from SMT, however, and neither of these teachers has protected time to deliver the Eco Schools programme.

