

# Green Team Update

January

## Making the Most of Our



### School Environment

What the Green team have done and are to do in the near Future...

- Every classroom is to have a recycling bin which will take PAPER, PLASTIC and ALUMINIUM cans. Please ensure that your bin is being used.
- Trees are to be planted in the garden and round the school site. It is essential that these are left to mature and are protected from damage, please keep a look out.
- Through out 2010 we will have two creative practitioners working with year 9 in a technology and geography cross-curricular project which will allow year 9 to investigate sustainable materials and eco-issues. Issac Acheampong and Graeme Kynman with architectural and creative backgrounds will be working with the year group and at the end of the year a Eco-awareness day is planned for students to participate in a range of eco activities. If you feel that you could add anything to this project, please get in touch.

The Green Team are aware that the school garden and vegetable plot has for a variety of reasons been rather neglected since the beginning of this school year. We are currently looking for someone who is interested in setting up a type of gardening club open to both students and staff to ensure that the school can continue growing it's own produce to be sold in the canteen and that this fantastic resource is taken advantage of. If you are interested in this opportunity or feel that you could

help out in any way at all please contact either Miss Sellers or Mr. B Thompson for further information.

The garden has recently been given two native apple trees which have been planted in the School garden and this is hopefully the beginning



of many new trees to our school site. Trees are not only good for our school visually but also show that we are trying to become a sustainable school and we are taking steps to develop our environment and re-

duce Cottingham High School's carbon footprint.. The BBC are supporting schools by providing advice and resources for schools to plant trees.

The website [www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/Schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/Schools) and this is in association with the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Campaign for School Gardening.' Please feel free to have a look at these if you feel inspired. If you have any further



ideas on what you would like to see in the garden let us know.

After another successful visit from our Ghanaian Link school we are hoping to exchange weather data to complete a project comparing the weather here at Cottingham High School with that of ....This data will be exchanged and analysed by students in Geography lessons and using the data collected students will determine the renewable energy resources both locations could harness to create power.

## New recycle scheme for the New Year.

The paper recycling scheme which was brought in at the end of last year has been a success yet has not been rolled out throughout the school due to logistics and Biffa's introduction of a new scheme. The Green team is aware of this and from the beginning of next year all class rooms shall have their own Biffa recycle bin or bag. The emphasis is now not only on recycling paper but recycling plastic

and aluminum cans all to be disposed of in the same recycle bin . This extension of the recycling scheme allows us to send less waste to land fill and increase the amount we recycle. We much appreciate teacher and staff support and encouragement of this new scheme. Any feedback on the recycling scheme or any support needed can be given by the green team. Please get in touch with Miss Sellers in G1 or Mr. B. Thompson.



This term the Green Team will be focusing on ENERGY and trying to reduce the amount of energy we use in school. We will coming to your class room to complete an energy health check very soon.