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Serious about sustainability

Graveney School in Tooting, south west London, is a co-educational school with a specialist status for maths, science, technology and ICT. With 1955 pupils, of which over 600 are in the sixth form, the school was formed in 1986 as an amalgamation of a number of local schools and as such has 9 buildings, the majority of which were built immediately before and after the First World War.

S.A.S.

Sustainability is embedded through the school and is championed by the pupils themselves. Students are invited to join the school’s sustainability working group called S.A.S – Serious About Sustainability – that organises various campaigns throughout the year, led by sixth formers. Environmental officers sit on the student leadership panel.

3R’s

Graveney School is working in partnership with WasteWatch to develop a strategy to tackle 6 key areas related to sustainability – travel, waste, food, water, energy and procurement. For each area, a working group is looking at ways the school can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. For example, a switch it off campaign for PC’s and printers, a park and stride scheme to encourage walking to school and a weekly cycle to school day.

Using technology to be greener

Graveney School has built a new block on site with solar panels to generate much of the power required to run the building. They also use remote settings to shut down computers at the end of the day to ensure energy wastage is reduced and have installed motion sensors for lighting in some classrooms.

Why choose STL’s GreenMinutes?

The School signed up for GreenMinutes as part of its commitment to make Graveney greener. GreenMinutes enables Graveney School to offset its carbon phoneprint and to operate in a greener way with paperless billing and online payments as well as a free conference call bridge and remote worker connections.

Green procurement

The school is developing a sustainable procurement policy to buy more eco friendly products and to source them from greener suppliers. As a carbon neutral supplier with an embedded green ethos, STL ticked all the boxes as a green telecoms provider for the schools lines and calls. Sophie Cavanagh, Assistant Head, Graveney School, commented, “As educators of the 21st century generation we are committed to making a difference where environmental and sustainability issues are concerned. Aligning ourselves with initiatives such as STL’s GreenMinutes enables us to make greater strides in this area and model responsible behaviours to our whole community.”

