

A group of Clyst Vale students went to see 2040 at a film festival event. This is what they learnt...



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

We have learnt that there are many ways we can help. Many countries and individuals are doing their part already. We have learnt lots of ways we can help to stop the climate crisis. We can stop using single use plastic and buy loose fruit and vegetables and by using seaweed made plastic. There are also small scale electricity networks where you can share and sell excess energy when you don't need or use it, powered by solar panels. Another change is electric cars and more public transport which uses less fossil fuels than everyone owning their own car. In conclusion we learnt that climate change is important and needs action now.



WHAT HAS INSPIRED US?

The movie 2040 has inspired us by telling us how we are living right now may effect us in the future. If we don't do anything now some of us might face severe changes, even to the extent of limiting our existence. We have all the things around us to help us get a healthier future. For example a company in Bangladesh has developed an amazing energy source that doesn't need any fossil fuels. You need a device that creates energy from the solar panel on your roof. If many people get this device, then you can create microgrids for sharing electricity, lessening our reliance on fossil fuels for energy. One of the problems facing this innovation is that this device is illegal in some countries.

'The world is like a donut. The type with the hole in it.' The people in the middle are people that are poor or live in less wealthy countries. If we try and reduce the heat we are putting in the atmosphere then that will help the sea levels and acidity. Also if we make hospitals cheaper, use less fossil fuels and stop destroying so much land we will all have a much brighter future.

WHAT CHANGES CAN WE DO TO MAKE THE SCHOOL MORE SUSTAINABLE?

Food Service:

- Not serve as much meat (maybe have a meat free day)
- Use eco-friendly materials (paper and cardboard) to package the food like the jelly the desserts and the pasta pots
- Th sauce sachets should be switched for bottles so that there is not as much plastic being used or just stop selling them
- Plastic water bottles are useless because everyone should have their own bottles which they can simply fill up which is why plastic water bottles shouldn't be sold
- Drinks containers could be made in aluminium can instead of single-use plastic because recycling cans is more efficient and cans can be recycled more than once

- Capri Sun: the plastic straw for the drink could be switched for a paper straw and the actual drink material could be replaced with paper or they could sell them in cans where they wouldn't need the straw at all
- Buy our vegetables and fruit locally
- School life:
- Encourage students to walk or ride a bike
- Cut down the use of paper being used in the offices and in classrooms
- Compostable bins
- Planting trees and flowers around the side of the field and by buildings
- Turn off lights that aren't being used and turn plugs off at the end of the day in classrooms
- Turn computers off after use
- Make sure all the bathroom taps are off

- Have lessons educating more people about what they can do to help
- Get everyone to bring in 50p for non uniform day to pay for projects that could help the environment around us
- Buy school books from a sustainable source
- Not use plastic covers on school and library books because it's a waste of plastic
- Have more plants in classrooms to clean out the air
- Stop littering!
- Use more eco-friendly cleaning products that are free from harmful chemicals and do very little damage to the environment
- Consider even running on solar panels
- Swap regular school supplies for more sustainable ones
- Bring in your own flask for hot drinks

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