## London Schools' Climate Kick-Start / Funding available for secondary schools

Dear schools,

The <u>Mayor's Climate Kick-Start</u> will see thousands of students take action for the environment in their schools and homes. The week of activities will take place from 1-5 November, between the first ever Earthshot Prize in London and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, giving students at London schools the chance to make a real difference during this important time of environmental action.

Whether your secondary school or alternative education provider is already taking action on environmental issues or not, we'd love you to get involved.

#### WHY GET INVOLVED?

London state secondary schools and alternative education providers can <u>apply for funding</u> to carry out activities during the week (Activity Grants), or for longer term project funding (Green Schools Grants). Grant applications open on Tuesday 31 August and will close at 9am on Friday 24 September.

As well as funding there will also be **free lesson resources**, activities and toolkits which relate to the curriculum available for all London secondary schools and education providers. Private and independent schools can still host events as part of the Climate Kick-Start if they are self-funded, and will receive resources to help facilitate them.

## ABOUT THE CLIMATE KICK-START

The Climate Kick-Start will see London secondary schools working together to tackle some of our planet's biggest threats - climate change, deforestation, biodiversity loss, air pollution and single-use plastics. There will be dozens of hands-on free events, from sustainable fashion shows and clean-tech careers fairs to tree planting and pedal-powered activity days. The week is designed to educate and empower young people to go further and faster to address environmental issues as well as to showcase the fantastic work that so many schools are already doing.

Backed by a host of exciting partners, including Bloomberg and Let's Go Zero 2030, and supported by the London Schools Climate Summit, the project is set to be one of the most ambitious and exciting projects to engage London's young people that the city has ever seen.

You can read more about the programme and how to apply for funding here.

We hope you are able to take part!

Best wishes,

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