ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

2019/20 SUMMARY
OF ACTIVITIES

ENERGY
• 80% of hostels and furnished lets fitted with Smart Meters.
• Plans for competitions between households to reduce energy use.
• Guidance issued to residents regarding effective and efficient use of radiators.
• Collaborated with Climate Crisis Committee to compile data for Science Based Targets project.

EATING SUSTAINABLY
• Plans in progress to encourage greater biodiversity in the Bin Brook and Wilderness Triangle.
• Wildflower meadow behind Merton House.
• Allotment gardens at 1 Madingley Rd managed by SBR, with rain water collection for watering gardens.
• Bat boxes and bird boxes installed in College.
• Beehives managed by students and Fellows.
• No watering of lawns or other grass.
• Fewer areas of College grass are being moved.
• All compost peat free.
• Garden waste chipped and used as mulch.
• Glyphosate based weed killers scarcely used.
• Cleaning products predominantly plant based.

BIODIVERSITY & WATER
• Food waste recycling pilot launched 2019 with the support of the JCR. Food waste bins installed in student kitchens. Following a successful pilot this is being rolled out to all students in 2020/21.
• Consistently meeting recycling target of 75%.
• WEEE recycling bin on site for all College staff and members to use.
• Clothes etc can be recycled via the BHF recycling bin on site.
• Abandoned bicycles recycled via ‘Recycle your Cycle’ and new College bike loan scheme.

WASTE
• In the College’s first year of entering the University’s Green Impact programme. St John’s received a Gold Award, the second highest possible.
• A St John’s student won the Green Impact Student Leadership award within the University and the national equivalent award.
• The 2021 submission is in the planning stages and will be coordinated with the Sustainability Forum.

GREEN IMPACT
• Theme of the annual staff briefing in February 2020 was ‘Sustainability’. Those attending were addressed by and asked questions of a panel of staff members involved in various recent and ongoing sustainability initiatives in the College in order to engage.
• ‘Environment’ pages of the College website are updated after every Climate Crisis Committee and Sustainability Forum meeting and new sustainability specific social media initiatives are in the pipeline.