

Presentation by the Principal: Sky's Ocean Rescue

On Tuesday 31st January 2017, Stephen Clarke gave a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation to the student cohort about the perilous situation in which we have put our polluted oceans.

Stephen, inspired by Sky's recent campaign 'Ocean Rescue', included a video in his talk which detailed the devastation that is currently being wreaked on coastlines across the world (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D35YnZ7 WxM>). The effect of human pollution on animals – including birds, turtles, fish – was shocking. Moreover, this pollution will soon be reaching our own plates, via sea food, fish and birds, who consume micro plastics. The effect of such plastic-based pollution entering the human body is currently unknown, but disturbing.

Having seen the sheer number of plastic pollution present in our waterways – and its damaging effects –, students discussed how we can reduce our own plastic consumption and be more responsible in disposing of it.

However, we did not feel that this went far enough – and so our initiative of Cherwell Green Team was launched. This is a group made up of students who are committed to taking action, both within the school community and nationally. This action group has taken it upon themselves to draft letters to multinational companies, and local and national government to try and instigate a policy-based attack on plastic pollution. They will also take measures within our own community to ensure that any plastic waste is disposed of properly.

We have a duty to look after our planet and its inhabitants, not destroy it. Cherwell Green Team is taking action to work towards this goal.

To find out more about Sky's project, please visit <https://skyoceanrescue.com/>.

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