



Plastic Waste Reduction at Smiths Wood Academy

On the 23rd of September we will be launching a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and encourage the use of reusable bottles at school.

Schools of a similar size to Smiths Wood Academy throw away around 53,000 plastic bottles and cans each year! In terms of harmful CO₂ generated, that's the volume of two Olympic sized swimming pools each month. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that do get recycled are creating more harmful CO₂ into our environment at each recycling process.

The generationJuice drinks hubs are being introduced, which will allow students and staff to purchase a variety of drinks, dispensed into their own reusable drink bottles.

These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into the drinks bottle and are school compliant: vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Strawberry and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Poweberry and Cherry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Even better news is that the drinks will cost only **60p for a 250ml portion and £1.10 for 500ml**. The juice machine operates using tokens only and **does not accept cash**. Students can purchase a token from the canteen counter, in the same way they purchase food, and then use the token at the machine to dispense their chosen drink.

From the 23rd of September students and staff will need to remember to bring a reusable bottle to school, so that we can all cut plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the delicious new chilled drinks.

At schools already serving generationJuice student feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive, and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.