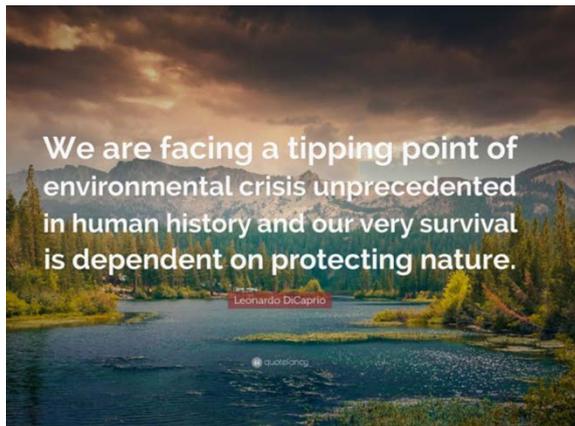


COP26

What's Happening in Holy Rood?

In Holy Rood, we have a number of different projects and activities aimed to help everyone learn more about COP26 and the potential impact of this event.

- **Global Citizenship Group - Tutor Time Activities**



During Tutor Time, pupils have focused on Climate Change as we look towards COP 26. These lessons helped provide our pupils with an understanding of what Climate Change / The Climate Emergency is – and also how our personal actions contribute to this. Pupils also developed their understanding of the impacts of climate change and collated responses to their learning to be displayed in our school social area. After COP26 finishes, pupils will focus on actions by making pledges about the way in which they can sustainably change their own lives. All of these lessons have been developed with the support of the FoE Edinburgh group.

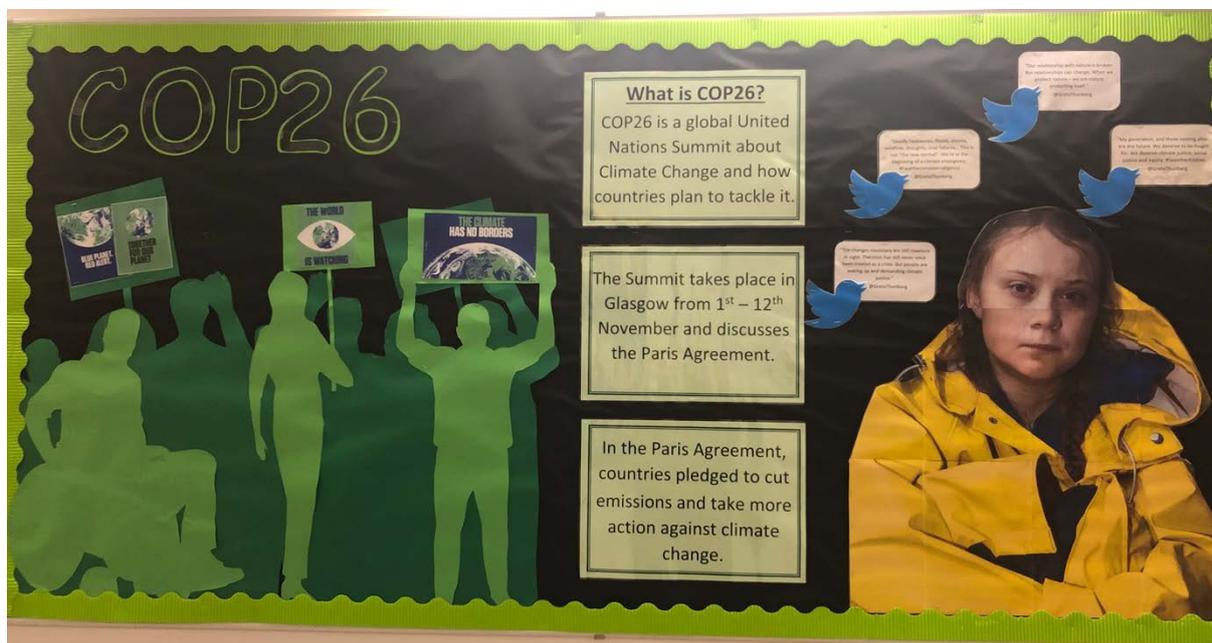
- **Sustainability Group**

This year we have relaunched the previous ECO group as Sustainability to cover a wider range of issues across the school. This group involves a large group of pupils from across every year group and a wide range of staff from several faculties too! Currently, pupils are working towards COP 26 by taking part in designing banners and visual materials to promote this event. Pupils are also taking part in the National Poster Competition for Catholic Schools in connection with University of

Glasgow highlighting what needs to be done to make the world a better and safer place. These entries were submitted this week and we are eagerly awaiting the response to see how our pupils have done!

- **Higher Geography Virtual Climate Change Conference**

In the Social Subjects Faculty, Higher Geography pupils completed lessons to prepare them to participate in a national (virtual) UK School's COP 26 Climate Change Conference (facilitated by Scotdec). This event took place on the morning of Wednesday 13 October 2021 and was a great success! Holy Rood was delighted to take part as one of only five schools in Edinburgh chosen to represent Scotland.



Through their participation, pupils were given the opportunity to feed into a climate resolution that will be taken to COP26 through the new Connecting the UK Schools Project 2021. Our pupils represented the West African nation of Gabon and demonstrated great maturity and interest in listening attentively and engaging extremely positively with the various debates throughout the morning.

Pupils took responsibility for researching the issues connected with the climate emergency prior to the event and readily put themselves forward to speak on various topics during the conference. They should be rightly proud of their achievements. Well done to all!

What's Next?

This isn't all that Holy Rood has been doing to promote Sustainability and to engage with COP26. There are many more projects ongoing in school and some are taking place soon. We will update you on these next week!

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