

COP26

What's Happening in Holy Rood?

As COP26 continues, have a look below at some other fantastic initiatives we have here at Holy Rood, highlighting the importance of Climate action to pupils within the school.



Children's Parliament

Charis McWhirter, a teacher in our Maths department, has been working hard with her Children's Parliament group from last term to investigate Climate Action and helped Holy Rood be chosen as a 'spotlight school' for an event called 'The Moment' which took place on Friday 29th

November. This event involved pupils attending the Scottish Parliament to voice their opinions, suggestions, and questions on climate change to the **Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament - Alison Johnstone** and **The Children and Young People's Commissioner - Bruce Adamson!** The pupils led a meeting with these representatives and took ownership for the changes they want to see from our Government during COP26. Every single one of the pupils involved did Holy Rood proud!

Pupils involved in Children's Parliament Visit

Mishaal Bibi
Julia Gierasik
Kacper Piekut
Nikolas Apreas
Abigail Downie
Ayaan Abbasi

Geffry Gleno
Maja Nowak
Afifah Khan

Laudato Si Schools Scotland Award

Holy Rood is excited and proud to commit itself to working towards becoming a Laudato Si School. This award was created after Pope Francis's important encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, called on Catholics across the globe to unite together and care for our common home. We will have more exciting information about this award in the near future, but this will involve all pupils in Holy Rood beginning to think and act on climate issues further in order to care for our home.

Duke of Edinburgh

Our DoE pupils have been working on creating various wildlife homes and eco green mini planters as part of their award! They have been working closely with our DET department in doing so, strengthening their connections within the school whilst playing an important role in improving the Sustainability of it too!



Junk Kouture

We also have our Junk Kouture lunchtime club have been learning about Sustainability by considering how items can be reused and repurposed. They have been working on using recycled materials to create amazing sustainable, couture designs. This club enables pupils to unleash their creative brilliance whilst also being empowered to embrace the principle of sustainable living.

Creative Conversations & Keep Scotland Beautiful Staff Events

It is not only the pupils who have been learning about Climate Change and the need for action during this time as staff have been developing their own knowledge through several different training events! Participation has been spread across each of our departments, ensuring

that we have climate experts in all areas of the school to help pupils during COP26 and beyond!