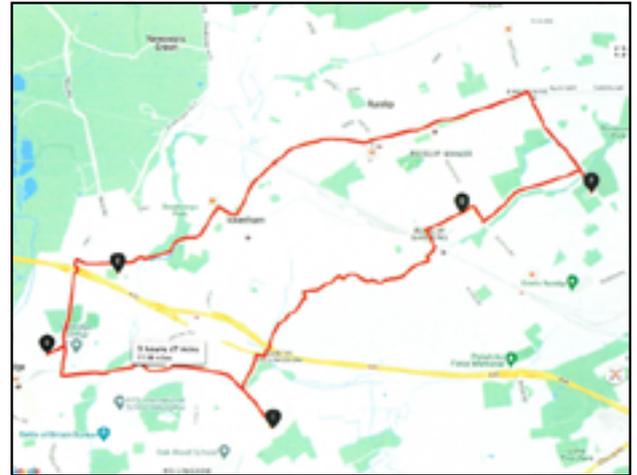




Environmental sustainability week Four days to go...

Opening ceremony

On Monday 27th February 2023, the opening ceremony to launch our environmental sustainability week will involve a torch relay between schools with students and staff walking/jogging from one school to the next ([click here](#) for route).



They will be provided with Vanguard Learning Trust water bottles for the journey and presented with certificates of achievement when they arrive at their destination school.

There will be a reception at each school, which will involve the headteacher reading a pledge ([click here](#)) on behalf of the school to commit to the community's participation in the environmental sustainability week.

How low can we go? challenge

Participants taking part in the how low can we go? challenge can email any queries they might have about how to use their codes and/or access and complete the Google form ([click here](#)) to the following address: howlowhelp@ruislihigh.org.uk

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**Opening ceremony pledge, environmental sustainability week,
Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March 2023**

On behalf of the students, staff, families and governors, I pledge that our school community will commit to participating in Vanguard Learning Trust's environmental sustainability week and work collectively to achieve its overarching aims which are:

- to understand how an individual's or an organisation's carbon footprint is measured;
- to consider the importance of reusing items as part of reducing our carbon footprint; and
- to challenge ourselves to reduce our carbon footprint.

We know there is a global 'call for action' because urgent change is required to secure our planet's future by reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases in particular carbon dioxide; changing the ubiquitous use of non-renewable to sustainable energy sources, especially renewable ones; and protecting our wildlife including sustaining the biodiversity of natural habitats. We pledge to change our behaviour in order to support this by our actions and collective voice.

As school communities that educate the next generation, we know environmental sustainability can only be achieved by collective action and a willingness to change our routines and habits. Every action can make a difference, small steps, medium changes, life-long measures; they are all necessary and required.

In the words of Sir David Attenborough: "We need to move beyond guilt or blame, and get on with the practical tasks at hand."



Vanguard Learning Trust certificate

This certificate is awarded to:

for being selected as one of the school's torch bearers as part of the opening ceremony for the Trust-wide environmental sustainability week

27th February 2023

Signed Signed

Dr M Lecky Chief Executive Officer Mr G Mullings, Headteacher Vyners School