

Cutting Plastic Waste At **Thamesmead**



In November we will be launching an exciting new drinks concept with our catering team, to curb our plastic use and encourage reusable bottles in the school.

Thamesmead currently uses over 120,000 plastic bottles each year and these are discarded as waste each day. Many still do not get recycled and even those that do get recycled are creating harmful CO2 into our environment at each recycling process.

To curb such unnecessary plastic use and to make a really positive contribution to reducing harmful CO2 we will introduce the Generation Juice Drinks Hub. This will enable students and staff to use their own reusable bottles to purchase drinks which are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural flavours.

Students and staff will help themselves from the modern touch screen menu to any one of 6 different flavoured waters including Strawberry, Raspberry Peach and Lemon Lime. We will then do away with all the plastic bottle waste.

Furthermore, the drinks will cost over 20% less at only 80p per 500ml portion, which is a welcome change with the many price increases we are all facing. Our caterer, will also be including the drinks in all their meals deals to offer even more value every day.

We ran a Generation Juice drinks taster day earlier this month with a number of students who gave very positive feedback on the drinks, and fully supported the idea of reducing their carbon footprint .

Please therefore remember to bring a reusable bottle of your choice from next term so that we can all curb this plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy good hydration with the new chilled drinks.