

The Green Duck Scheme

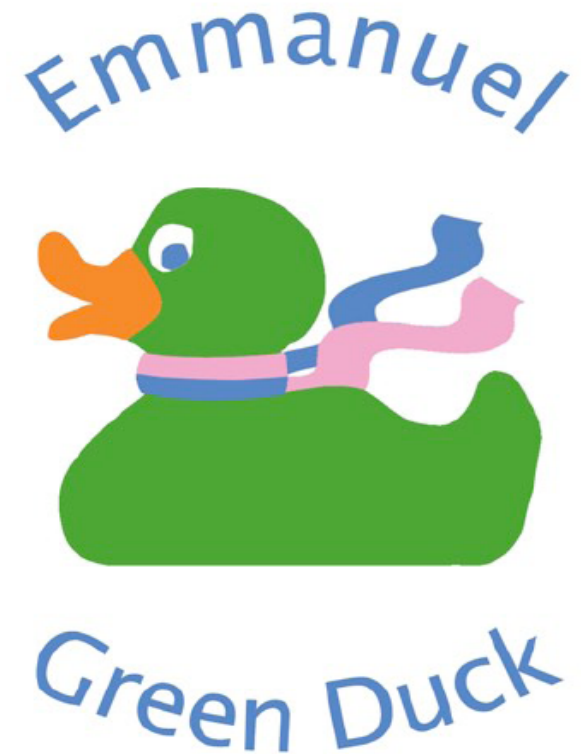
Emmanuel College is known for being friendly, high achieving, having ducks and, increasingly, for its green initiatives. Launched by ECSU in 2007, the Green Duck Scheme is a college-wide effort for increased energy efficiency and recycling. Emmanuel College has already spent lots of time and money on finding ways to reduce our environmental impact. We have tackled issues such as energy and waste disposal, making energy saving maintenance a priority and improving recycling facilities. For example:

- All College rooms are fitted with energy saving light bulbs.
- All College rooms are provided with a plastic recycling bag, to make it easier to take recycling to the recycling bins.
- All students are entitled to an Emma Green Duck cotton shopping bag to reduce the use of plastic bags.
- Movement sensors are used in corridors and showers to reduce energy wastage.
- Duplex printing (on recycled paper) in computer rooms is saving paper.
- New North Court accommodation has been built with energy efficiency in mind.
- Although most buildings in Emmanuel are listed, refurbishment programs all take energy efficiency into consideration.
- If you notice any faults, such as leaking taps, radiators that can't be turned off, write it in the maintenance book in the Porters Lodge.

Information and facilities have been provided to help you to reduce consumption and recycle waste. For the Green Duck scheme to succeed, College needs student support to make Emma greener. We hope that this leaflet will help you to make some small changes that, if we all do them, can really make a big difference.

If you have any questions please contact your ECSU Green Officer, James Pattinson, at green@ecsuo.org.uk

Thank you



Recycling and Energy Efficiency in Emmanuel College

Information for students - Michaelmas 2009

Emma's stopped ducking the green issue...
Have you?

Why Reduce, Reuse and Recycle?

- **Save resources** – resources are running out, and we should reduce both our dependence and impact on the environment.
- **Save space** – more waste means more landfills and nobody wants a landfill site in their back yard. Existing landfill sites are filling up fast.
- **Save money** – energy and resources cost money, so energy saved is money saved.
- **Save the animals** – fewer habitats are damaged if demands for new raw materials are reduced.
- **Save the planet!** – pollution and climate change is happening, which will significantly damage our world if we don't act.

Reduce

Some ideas to help you to reduce consumption...

Save Energy, Water and Resources by

- Turning off computers, appliances and extension leads at the wall switch before going out.
- Turning off the lights before leaving your room.
- Not over-filling the kettle – just boil what you need, and only once.
- Turning off taps when brushing your teeth or washing your face.
- Having showers instead of baths.
- Using your free Emma Green Duck bag instead of plastic bags.
- Keeping partially used paper as rough paper.

Reduce Environmental Impact by

- Buying eco-friendly washing up liquid, that is not pollutant.
- Buying local produce, rather than imported, transported produce, e.g. Hackers Farm delivers weekly boxes of mixed, seasonal vegetables.

Reuse

Ways to reuse your stuff...

- Keep and re-use any plastic bags, or recycle them in the blue bins at the entrance of Sainsbury's.
- Give (and buy!) unwanted clothes, books and bric-a-brac to charity shops (lots near the Grafton Centre) instead of throwing them away.
- Try buying and selling on sites such as ebay, or Gumtree.
- Trade any electrical or household items for free using Cambridge Freecycle. (NB: all items must be college approved, please check rules).

Recycle

Making use of recycling facilities...

In College

1. Use the **plastic recycling bag** in each room to temporarily store and carry recycling to the recycling bins. NB: These bags are included in the furniture of the room and so you may be charged on your College bill if you take them away!
2. **Recycling bins** in North, South and East Courts for **Glass, Paper, Metal, Plastic** (South Court only) and **Cardboard** from Oct '09.
3. **Information sheets** should be displayed in each staircase, to explain what can be recycled, and where to do it.

Out of College

1. **Recycling boxes** are supplied by the Council. Each house should have black, blue and green boxes/bins, to be replaced by a large blue wheelie bin in October 2009. Collections take place on a fortnightly timetable.
2. **Collection timetables** and **information sheets** should be displayed in each house.

Visit www.cambridge.gov.uk for more information.

Also good to know

1. **Larger recycling centres** near College can be found at Tesco's on Newmarket Road or Adam and Eve Street near the Grafton Centre.
2. **Green Wardens** (one per staircase/house) are on hand to promote the Green Duck Scheme, encourage recycling and energy efficiency, communicate between students, bedders and the Green Officer, and answer your questions.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Green Warden, please email the ECSU Green Officer at green@ecsuo.org.uk (undergraduates), or the MCR Green officer at sr509@cam.ac.uk (Grads). You will be rewarded with three free formals a year, or the equivalent in ECSU shop vouchers!

