

# **Energy Policy for Rugby School**

**June 2009**

## **WHY?**

Rugby School believes that a sustainable energy policy is an important response to the growing threat of climate change, a significant means by which both to save money and to maintain the progressive development of our buildings, and a vehicle for education in the modern world. Energy use impacts upon our daily lives within our own community, as well as our relations with the wider world. Rugby School therefore believes that both pupils and staff should be aware of, and do their utmost to limit, the impact of modern living on community and climate. An environmentally sound energy policy is vital to the implementation of this aspiration.

## **WHAT?**

Awareness campaigns and good practice should aim to keep energy and water use to an efficient minimum. The availability of information about energy usage is a key motor for change, and requires substantial improvement. An efficient energy policy means combining short-term budgetary limits with long-term payback considerations. Technology is a significant facilitator of this aspect; modernisation and efficiency of technology across the Estate is thus an on-going priority. The School should also ensure new buildings or refurbishments are planned and built and occupied to ensure the greatest energy and water efficiency and lowest carbon emissions

Sustainable building best practice should underpin all management and development of the School Estate ensuring sustainable construction, efficiency in resource use and respect for the physical and natural setting.

## **HOW & WHO?**

An energy policy thus divides into two parts: school awareness and management of buildings / plant. Responsibility for the former will lie with Justin Muston (JDM), as the school's sustainability representative; the Estates Bursar, Judy Robinson (JR), will take charge of the management. JDM and JR will liaise closely and report to Gary Lydiatt (GJL), the Bursar, and SMT. The school's Green Club (consisting of members of the VIth form) will be responsible for advancing specific campaigns within the school. Houses will appoint 'Green VIths', while Departments will have Green representatives to ensure compliance with policy and campaigns. The Estates Dept. will be responsible for data collection and feeding it to the Green Committee. The Green Club's website, as well as the school intranet, will be key vehicles for disseminating campaign and other information.

## **MONITORING**

JDM and JR will report to SMT / GJL on sustainability issues. School publications will contain regular updates on progress. The Green Committee, consisting of Governor (Bishop Urquhart), JDM, JR, staff and pupils will be responsible for monitoring progress and advancing new ideas.

JD MUSTON  
ADVENT 09.