

Removing Plastic Water Bottles

Thetford Grammar has always held strong roots with its CSR across the entire school community and we've worked with them on multiple initiatives to strengthen their robust approach.

The school has always maintained several hydration points around the school and the headmaster wanted to explore the option of removing all plastic water bottles from the catering offer. We had been supplying four different flavoured waters in plastic bottles along with plain bottled water in their dining hall to the students and staff.

It was imperative to the school that the students remained hydrated throughout the day – the flavoured water bottles had always been well received so we needed to ensure we maintained popular options outside of plain filtered tap water.

As part of our commitment to the school and our ongoing relationship, we purchased the Thetford Grammar branded reusable water bottles, at our own cost. We worked with the supplier to ensure that the bottles were robust, dishwasher friendly and branded to promote the school both in and outside the local community.

To accompany their meals at breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining hall we worked alongside Slush Puppie to install a four font Quench drink dispense system at zero cost to the school for the equipment. This allows the students to enjoy three different sugar free flavours of still water alongside filtered plain water.

On completing this project we have totally removed the need for plastic bottled drinks. Instead we see students and staff using their water bottles to refill at multiple times throughout the day. They enjoy the autonomy the filtration stations give them and the choice of different options to keep them refreshed and hydrated throughout the day.

We have saved over 250 plastic bottles a day going into recycling as a direct result of this.

