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May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Wirral Changemakers Conference (Start Yard, Birkenhead) - Friday 9 May 2025

Your child/ward has been representing our school in the Wirral Eco-Council creating a campaign to improve local transport for young people in Wirral. Students will present their ideas on fairer rail pricing for young people and live transport information at bus stops at the Wirral Changemakers Conference to a panel of decision makers. This fantastic opportunity for students has developed their leadership, communication, creative and organisation skills, while contributing to a campaign of enacting change in their local area.

The Wirral Changemakers Conference event will take place between 10am and 2.30pm at the Start Yard in Birkenhead on Friday 9 May. Students will pitch their ideas to key decision makers such as local councillors and politicians, representatives from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and public transport providers.

We will leave school at 9.10am and travel by train from West Kirby Station to Hamilton Square Station, followed by a 10-minute walk to the Start Yard. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them. If your child/ward is entitled to free school meals a 'grab bag' can be ordered the day before the trip from the canteen for collection from 8am on the day of the trip. Grab bags can also be purchased.

We will return by train arriving back at West Kirby by 3.35pm. Train travel is free for students, covered by EcoClub funds.

In case there are any delays on the train, students will need to be responsible for arranging their own transport home. If your child/ward would like to make their own way home from Hamilton Square Station or a different stop on the West Kirby line, please indicate this on the permission slip below.

I have attached the stakeholder's invite to the conference which is also open for parents/guardians if you wish to attend. Student presentations will be between 1pm and 2pm. If you would like to attend, please indicate this on the permission slip below.

Please return the attached slip to Mr Houghton, the Eco-Schools Co-ordinator by Tuesday 6 May.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Houghton
Geography Department

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Student name: **Form:**

I give permission for my child/ward to participate in the above activities travelling to and from Start Yard in Birkenhead on **Friday 9 May by train**. I confirm that medical information and emergency contact details are up to date (contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app).

Would you like to attend the presentations at the conference between 1pm and 2pm? **Yes/No** How many people?

It is expected that students return back to West Kirby Grammar School. However, please indicate below the travel details if you wish your child/ward to make alternative travel arrangements on the return from the Start Yard on 9 May:

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Parent/Carer signature: Date:

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.