

## Spotlight in science and Recycling

Our year 8s have been busy proving that waste is really just a lack of imagination! To wrap up our Recycling topic from the Earth chapter, the students took on a hands on upcycling challenge. The goal was to take the theory we have been discussing, like the environmental impact of landfill and the importance of conserving resources, and turn it into something tangible. It was a fantastic way for them to think critically about the lifecycle of the products we use every day.

The creativity on display was beyond impressive. We had everything from a fully functional handbag made entirely from plastic bags to a complete high fashion outfit made from various recyclables. The innovation did not stop there either; we saw earrings crafted from drink can ring pulls, coasters made from old crisp packets, and woven bracelets made from recycled wool. We even had a fully functional vending machine made from cardboard that actually dispensed sweets! Beyond just being a fun break from the textbook, this project helped the students see that while the Earth's resources are finite, there are plenty of clever ways to keep materials out of the bin. Huge well done to 8C for showing us that sustainability can be pretty stylish!

