

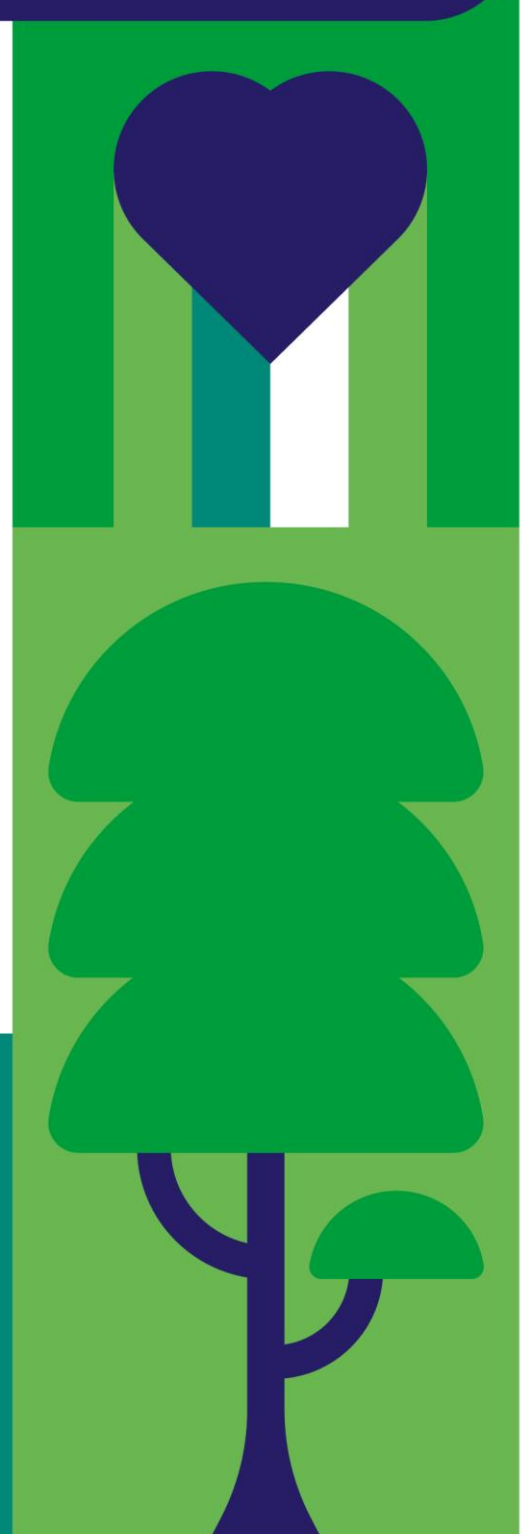
# The Climate Connection

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# International programme for secondary schools - 2023

Round 2 and 3

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## Background

Following the success of the Grayson Perry Programme for Schools in 2021, the British Council set up an international programme for UK and Dutch secondary schools which is linked to our global programme, the 'Climate Connection'. The programme creates opportunities for Dutch secondary schools to form a partnership with a UK school and work together on the theme of climate change. The first round of the programme started in September 2022. In 2023 we will offer 10 new schools the opportunity to take part in this international programme. Whereas in the first round of the programme there were two versions, the new edition only has one version of the programme.

## Aims and content

The goal of the programme is to strengthen teachers' access to resources, skills and networks to embed climate change, sustainability and building a greener future into their curriculum. Students increase their confidence when (daring to) communicate with international peers; listening, observing and interpreting; working together in international teams; build intercultural relationships and networks; and being involved in social issues at an international level. In addition, the project also contributes to the personal development of both the teachers and students involved in the areas of: self-confidence, creativity, curiosity, being open to other ideas and perspectives. Moreover, the programme aims to connect British schools and Dutch schools, and build long-lasting partnerships between school, teachers and students in the UK and the Netherlands. The suite of interdisciplinary classroom materials can be used in variety of classes, including English, Geography, Science, Citizenship and Biology.

## Timeline

Please find below the timeline for round 2 and 3 of the programme:

Activity	Dates Round 2 – 2023	Dates Round 3 – 2023
Registration opens	1 November 2022	15 May 2023
Registration closes	18 November 2022	27 May 2023
Introductory meeting between teachers partner schools	Mid-January 2023	Mid-September 2023
Online kick-off with students (50 min)	February 2023	October 2023
Online guest lecture	March 2023	October 2023
Webinar 2 (50 min)	April 2023	November 2023
Online closing event 90 min	May 2023	December 2023
Evaluation	June 2023	January 2024



## Commitment from the school

The programme is designed to be flexible and suit the different needs of the participating schools. The suite of lesson plans contains 15 lessons and various assignments. For the international partnership to be successful teachers must deliver a minimum of 5 lessons to their students and have a minimum of around 22 hours available over the course of the programme. During the five lessons, students will work on different assignments. Please find below a suggested breakdown:

What	Expected time commitment
Introductory meeting with partner school	1 hour
Regular contact with teachers at partner schools (1-2 x per month)	3 hours
Delivery of a minimum of five 1-hour classes to students	8 hours
Supporting students during preparation of assignment	3 hours
Taking part in two 50-minute moderated webinars with students	3 hours
Co-organising and taking part in online 90-minute closing event	3 hours
Evaluation meeting with the British Council	1 hour

## Commitment from the British Council

The British Council will provide the following as part of the programme:

- Recruitment of UK partner school
- Matching of Dutch and UK partner school
- Introductory 1-hour meeting with UK partner school
- Education pack with approx. 15 tailor-made interdisciplinary 1-hour lesson plans
- Two moderated 50-minute webinars for students
- Recorded video message for students (by young British climate campaigner)
- Co-organisation and moderation of online closing event
- Ongoing support throughout the programme by email / phone

The cost of taking part in the programme is €2,000.

Schools may wish to apply for the IFO subsidy scheme to cover the costs of the programme. Unfortunately, the British Council is no longer able to support schools with submitting their application.

## How can my school take part?

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the British Council to find out more and to receive the registration form. Please note that we can accommodate up to five schools per round.

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