

Energy Policy

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'Cheltenham College' refers to Cheltenham College Senior School *and* Cheltenham College Preparatory School (including Cheltenham College Pre-Prep and Nursery School)

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'Cheltenham Prep' refers to Cheltenham College Preparatory School

'Nursery and Pre-Prep' refers to Cheltenham College Nursery School and Pre-Prep

Cheltenham College commits to identify and satisfy all applicable legal and other requirements relevant to its operations and activities, related to its energy use, efficiency and consumption.

Cheltenham College supports the procurement of energy efficient products and services that impact energy performance and supports development and design activities that consider energy performance improvement.

Cheltenham College aims to provide excellent facilities that promote a stimulating work environment for pupils, staff and visitors alike. Cheltenham College is committed to using energy in the most efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible manner and aims to achieve a leading reputation for energy management amongst independent schools and colleges.

Cheltenham College is committed to improving its energy efficiency and performance and ensuring that a framework, information and resources are available to set, measure, achieve and review the following energy management objectives and targets.

Cheltenham College's objectives as related to this policy are as follows:

- ☐ To preserve the heritage, traditions and values of Cheltenham College and the legacy of its listed founding buildings, whilst embracing modern energy efficient technologies and practices.
- ☐ To provide the best possible environment for occupants and users of our facilities, while simultaneously maximizing energy performance.
- ☐ To increase energy awareness and the impact on the environment through internal and external communications and, where possible, reflect this approach in the curriculum, and in pupil and staff activities at Cheltenham College.
- ☐ To demonstrate commitment to the community and the environment by reducing pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (CO₂ equiv) associated with energy use and consumption.
- ☐ To reduce operating expenses by actively and responsibly managing energy procurement, products, processes, services and consumption and to use, where economically viable, green energy and energy efficient equipment and services.

Cheltenham College will endeavour to meet, or exceed, the following (electric and natural gas) energy management targets over the five academic years January 2024 to November 2029.

- ☐ Reduce (kWh) energy consumption in existing buildings by 1 to 5% (cf. base year Jan '23 to Dec '23).
- ☐ To design and construct all new developments to achieve an EPC rating of not less than "B".
- ☐ To improve the energy efficiency of any building being refurbished.

Responsibility for upholding this policy goes across Cheltenham College, under the guidance of the Environmental Sustainability Steering Group, by encouraging the commitment of all staff, pupils and visitors to address energy efficiency and savings as part of their daily activities.