

A speech about the environment by Eashan Wanza – 7R8

The environment is a fundamental part of our world: it is a source of natural beauty! It brings us nature for recreation, creates hotspots for tourists, as well as sports, like skiing and rafting. Nature is considered necessary for both our physical and mental health. However, it is under threat; climate change is striking! Climate change is when the weather of a certain place fluctuates. This could be a change in how much rain a place usually gets in a year, or a change in a place's average temperature for a month or season. We have caused this change in our climate due to our carbon footprint. A carbon footprint is "the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions released by an individual, event, organisation, service, or product. Greenhouse gases, including the carbon-containing gases, carbon dioxide and methane, can be emitted through the burning of fossil fuels, or land clearance" (1). The physical environment is affected in many ways such as overpopulation, pollution, burning fossil fuels, deforestation etc. Changes like these have triggered climate change, soil erosion, poor air quality, and undrinkable water.

Now, be honest with yourself: have you ever done anything that could have a negative impact on the environment? If you have, do not fear! We all still have a chance to come together as a community and help defeat climate change! This is vital; not only is global warming happening, but it may also be speeding up. The twenty warmest years on record have all been after 1995 and the five warmest years have all been in this decade. 2016 was the hottest year since records began and it's only getting hotter. By 2040 in Britain, it is estimated that more than half of our summers will exceed 2003 temperatures (a summer known as one of the hottest recorded in the UK) (2). We are exploiting nature's beauty! Let me give you an example: have you ever littered on the floor? Something as small as this contributes to the negative impacts on the environment. It's upsetting to see our planet suffer day-by-day. But do not fret! All hope is not lost. There are many ways you can help the environment recover, like litter picking, supporting organisations that help stop climate change, reducing your carbon footprint (you could do this by walking instead of driving where possible). There are many other ways!

Thank you for reading my speech on the climate, and I hope you have learned a thing or two. Together, we can beat climate change!

(1) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_footprint)

(2) (https://www.farminguk.com/news/british-farmers-on-the-front-line-with-extreme-weather_54113.html)