



Cheney School gets a first!

Cheney School, Oxford is the first in the world to achieve Energy Conscious Organisation Status. The school follows in the footsteps of global engineering giants to achieve this standard.

Cheney School, Part of the Community Schools Alliance Trust, becomes the first school to achieve EnCO Organisation status, valid for three years, after demonstrating to an expert panel that they have reduced energy consumption through behavioural change initiatives that ranged across the organisation. The project has been led for five years by both the Finance and Operation teams and supported by the Headteacher and staff as well as local energy management consultancy **REDUCE YOUR USE**.

Cheney School received the accreditation certificate at a special online ceremony of the ESTA Academy on Thursday 29th July by Mervyn Pilley, Executive Director of ESTA.

The Energy Conscious Organisation (EnCO) is a not-for-profit joint initiative run by the Energy Services and Technology Association (ESTA) and supported by the Energy Institute.

Local energy management consultant, Wendy Cheeseman, an accredited EnCO practitioner, has been supporting the school through the project which has also generated significant energy cost savings, as well as carbon reduction.

“The Cheney School application and accompanying case study showed the school had followed the principles of behaviour change namely: engagement, alertness, skills, recognition and adaption as set out in the EnCO matrix. In both application and case study the school gave many examples of how these principles have been applied in practice and achieved energy efficiencies with impressive reductions.” Commented Jes Rutter, MD of JRP Solutions and EnCO Expert Panel Interviewer.

“This recognition is so important in the wider context as it demonstrates the role that behaviour change has to play in the fight to reduce climate change and our own pathway to Net Zero.”
Said Rob Pavey, Head Teacher.

The school’s energy consultant, Wendy Cheeseman, said *“I recommend all schools to consider cutting energy consumption by more forensic analysis of their supply data showing when and why energy is consumed and if this is expected. Cheney cut overnight consumption by 30%.”*

At a time when action on climate change and carbon neutrality is gaining momentum, the EnCO initiative has a target to reduce energy consumption from behavioural changes of 10% by 2030.

The target will be achieved through both a programme to train energy professionals around the world to support organisations to embrace these aspirations and cut consumption and resources and knowledge sharing through the EnCO Academy.

ABOUT:

REDUCE YOUR USE is a small Oxfordshire-based Energy Management Consultancy specialising in working with the education sector to cut energy consumption, costs and carbon. Through analysis of meter data, we work with clients to find unexpected or needless consumption and investigate and eliminate.

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EnCO run training courses and provide support materials to help organisations to understand the positive impact that they can have on the world by taking some simple steps and implementing a behaviour change programme that creates lasting effects.

The EnCO Accreditation and Programme is our expert guide on becoming a more energy conscious organisation and reducing your environmental impact.

There are three accreditations:

EnCO Consultant, Practitioner and Organisation.