## THE PAPER PALS

WE SERVE TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



# THE TEAM

The Paper Pals is a team of young social entrepreneurs who wish to save the environment by collecting used paper and reusing paper which is printed on one side, to reduce total paper consumption.



**FOUNDER** 



Maxwell Leung
DIRECTOR



# THE PROBLEM

- High Carbon Dioxide Emissions
- 4,200 tonnes of paper waste per day
- Only 30% of all paper is recycled
- Air quality ↓, Paper Waste ↑











### DID YOU KNOW?

One ton of recycled paper can save:

- 1. 17 trees
- 2. 380 gallons of oil
- 3. 3 cubic yards of landfill space
- 4. 4000 kilowatts of energy
- 5. 7000 gallons of water







# OUR VISION

An environment with bare trees, no greenery → Thriving sustainable environment full of greenery and teeming wildlife





# **APPROACH**

### REDUCE

- Print less paper; use more online documents



### REUSE



RECYCLE



 Remember to remove staples and not to recycle soiled/stained paper

# THE SOLUTION

Reducing total paper usage and wastage by reusing paper used on only one side, and recycling paper used on both sides





### **ENGAGEMENT**

- 1. Appoint class sustainability leaders to check the progress of recycling bi-monthly or quarterly
- 2. Monthly talks in class periods or assemblies emphasising recycling
- Building on current Extracurricular activity: Science and Sustainability













### HOW IT WORKS

Collection of Paper for Recycling
Paper collection centres in smart bins which have a weight
sensor to calculate how full the bins are

Paper Printed on the other side
When using recycled paper, you save 100% of the tree, 31%
of energy, 53% of water and you reduce solid waste by 39%

Reduction of total paper usage
As paper is printed in both sides, fewer sheets of paper will be used, and hence the issue of trees cut down and the load on rising landfills due to municipal solid waste will decrease.

### INCENTIVE BONUS





#### **Establishment of Paper Points**

Those who recycle certain amounts of paper are given paper points. These can be redeemed in the school cafeteria.

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#### **Monetary Incentive**

If you don't print out paper, any budget you have remaining will be added to the budget for cafeteria purchase

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#### **Sustainability Champion Leaderboard**

Ecofriendly merch highlighting the RRR policy will be given to the top scorers on the paper points leaderboard. In addition, their name will be displayed on the school boards as well.



## LOGISTICS MODEL

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#### **COLLECTION:**

The most important step of recycling is to first establish a location to collect paper for recycling





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#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

After paper has been collected, it needs to be transported to recycling facilities



The Paper Pals aim to tackle the biggest part of the problem: collection and transportation of paper.

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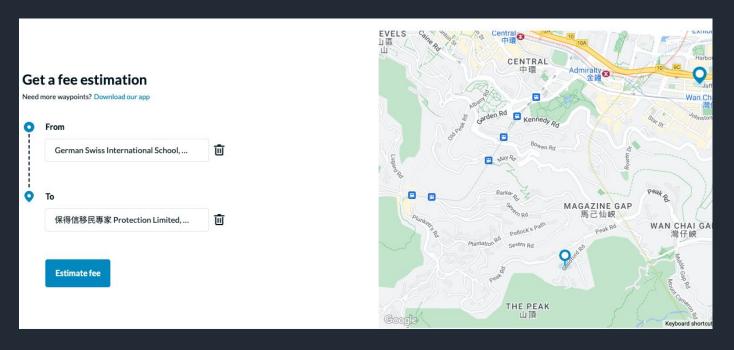
#### **RECYCLING:**

The money from government of \$0.75/kg of paper will be used for covering smart bin and volunteer cost, as well as to spread awareness



### LOGISTICS MODEL

The Paper Pals use existing delivery frameworks such as GoGoVan to help transport their recyclable materials.



#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Trucks using the GoGoVan service will be sent to the nearest paper recycling facility belonging to the company Environmental Protection Trading Limited in Wan Chai. Each visit will bring around 400-500 kg of paper, and cost roughly HK\$75. This gives \$225 back, as you get HK\$0.75 for each kg.



#	Causeway Bay	Chal Wan	Wan Chal	Central
Causeway Bay	60	80	65	75
Chai Wan	80	55	90	95
Wan Chai	65	90	60	70
Central	75	95	70	60

# MARKETSIZE

Paper Pals aims to target the most important stakeholders in society: students and children, as the future generation and changemakers

### **1.3m+ tons**

Total Paper Disposal in Hong Kong's Landfills





### 530k+

Students Registered in Schools who can help recycle



### 25 tons

Amount of paper which is used in schools every year



## AIMED IMPACT

Paper Pals aim to reduce the amount of paper usage in schools and make a real impact on the environment as it reduces the impact of global warming and climate change

### 10 tonnes

of papers recycled and saved annually





40%

of all paper printed on both sides



### 250 trees

saved every year



### ROADMAP

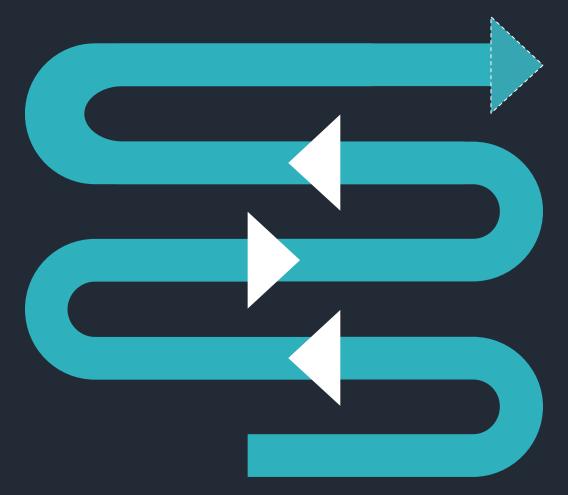
This is the aimed roadmap for the social initiative Paper Pals. In the next year, the initiative aims to join with other schools, recycle 10 tonnes of paper and place smart bins.

#### **MARCH 2023**

Contact other schools on Hong Kong Island to join initiative

#### **DECEMBER 2022**

First collection begins; smart bins placed all over German Swiss International School



#### **DECEMBER 2023**

10 tonnes of paper recycled

#### **FEBRUARY 2023**

First batch of paper is transported to the recycling facility in Wan Chai

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

Launched Paper Pals

### THE ASK



Initial cost to set up smart bins and get money for upfront transportation cost



10 hours of mentorship

To discuss bottlenecks with experts in recycling and how to get past potential issues in collection and transportation



Social Media Awareness

Expand the project horizons to more students in Hong Kong through social media platforms



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