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Years Six and Seven join forces to 'Plant-for-the-Planet'

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Last Monday five pupils, Isabel, Kitty, Emily Jane, Alexandra, Gabriella and two teachers travelled to St Christopher School in Letchworth. They were attending the first ever 'Plant-for-the-Planet' conference in the UK. The organisation is already operating across the globe; the outreach is by children to children; adult activity is restricted to facilitation.



'Plant-for-the-Planet' was the brain child of 9 year old Felix Fienbiender; he wanted to plant one million trees in every country on earth. Youth has not hampered his progress; rather it has been an asset. During the 4 years since he launched his idea, Felix and his sisters have addressed such bodies as the UN in their campaign to replant the earth with trees.

To start the day all the delegates were involved in an Eco Cafe brainstorming activity, followed by working back in their school team to devise an action plan and setting a target for their school. Our girls adopted an ambitious planting total of 1000 trees for Abbot's Hill.



The afternoon began with a formal planting of three young cherry trees close to the St Christopher school garden. As you might expect, AHS girls were right at the front of the action and wielded their spades to great effect! Finally, each group fed back future plans to be put into action once back in their home school.

How will we progress the planting of 1000 trees? Plans will be unveiled during our annual 'Girls Go Week'. For the present time we have 12 young saplings kindly donated by 'The Big Tree Plant'; these are to be potted up and then, once they have matured, planted in the school grounds.

Only 988 trees to go!