





# VotesforSchools 16+ Lesson Plan: 45 minutes

## Has the environment been overlooked this year?



			
1 min	<b>Feedback</b>	Whole class	Students see the results and feedback from last week's topic.
2-3 mins	<b>1. Why are we talking about this?</b>	Whole class	Students explore why this topic is in the news at the moment.
10-15 mins	<b>2. A changing landscape</b>	Pair	Students consider which "sights" they have seen most in lockdown and then try to match the statistic with the relevant fact. How do the answers compare to their original rankings?
12-20 mins	<b>3. A step in the right direction?</b>	Small group/ Whole class	Students look at some of the environmental themes in more depth by moving around the classroom to show whether, for each "area" we have taken more steps forward or back, keeping score as they go. What does their score show? They discuss this as a class.
13-20 mins	<b>4. Force of nature</b>	Pair/ Whole class	Students think about which "influencers" have the biggest impact on their awareness of the environment and come up as a list. They then use the class' top five answers for "speed debating" before reflecting on what this shows about our attitudes towards the environment.
1-2 mins	<b>Career Launchpad</b>	Whole class	Students have the opportunity to see this topic in action in the real world. See below for details.
N/A	<b>Vote</b>	Whole class	Students review the Yes/No arguments for this topic before casting their vote.

### Keywords:

- Radar
- Media
- Climate change

### Career Launchpad:

- Learn more:** Students use charts and infographics from some news outlets to help them visualise what's happening in the environment at the moment.
- Career Spotlight:** Students watch a video of Sir David Attenborough being quizzed by some famous faces!

This lesson plan is for the **45 minute presentation**

Supporting materials for SEND learners in this box

Extension tasks in this box