



**BLUE MARINE
MAX STENBECK**
LEGACY PROGRAMME

HOW TO DELIVER AN IMPACTFUL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - GUIDED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS





INTRODUCTION

The Department for Education sets out key requirements for schools to work towards from September 2025. Their sustainability leadership and climate action plans initiative states:

“By 2025, all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan”.

Sustainability leadership and climate action plans in education - GOV.UK

Key to meeting these requirements is ensuring your school can demonstrate how sustainability is embedded across the whole school: from curriculum to culture, operations and community engagement.

We invite you to join the Blue Marine Max Stenbeck Legacy Programme. Doing so will give your school opportunities to access **free teaching resources, teacher training seminars, hands-on workshops, field trips to Blue Marine’s project locations,** collaborative events and guidance to support your school’s climate action plan in innovative and exciting ways.

This guide provides an overview of five key areas where the programme can help you.

We have a unique opportunity to embed ocean literacy at the heart of our education system



DfE Requirements



Sustainability Lead
Engagement + the
Blue Marine Max
Stenbeck Legacy
Programme



RIGOROUS AND
INSPIRING CLIMATE
ACTION PLAN



WAYS THE BLUE MARINE MAX STENBECK LEGACY PROGRAMME CAN SUPPORT YOU

1. Bringing the ocean-climate nexus to life in the primary and secondary curriculum

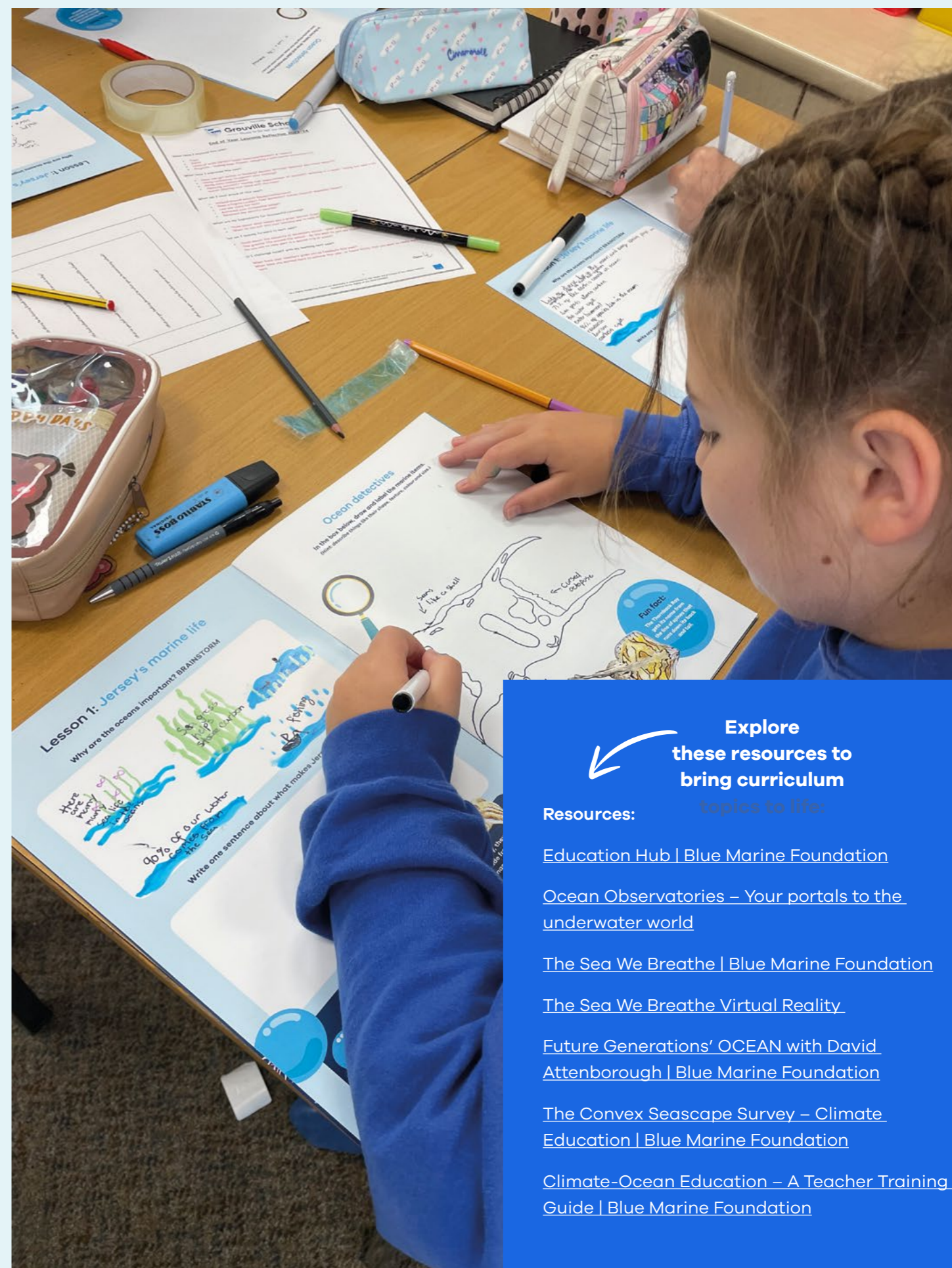
Why it matters:

Rather than attempting to retrofit climate change into the curriculum as a standalone topic, we can identify existing curriculum foundations as crucial building blocks in students' understanding. Blue Marine's **Education Hub** hosts a suite of interactive resources and teaching guides to support this ocean integration and bring **climate education** to life in the classroom.



BLUE MARINE'S SUPPORT

- ✓ Provide **teacher training** via online webinars to support this integration and delivery of the ocean-climate nexus.
- ✓ Offer activities that are inclusive and engaging for all abilities within the classroom, including those with SEND needs.
- ✓ Recommendations and guidance for bringing the ocean into your classroom to create innovative and **inspiring lessons**
- ✓ Support on how to use the Education Hub's suite of **free learning resources** and immersive learning experiences.
- ✓ Updated information and guidance in line with the upcoming curriculum changes.



Explore
these resources to
bring curriculum
topics to life:

Resources:

- [Education Hub | Blue Marine Foundation](#)
- [Ocean Observatories – Your portals to the underwater world](#)
- [The Sea We Breathe | Blue Marine Foundation](#)
- [The Sea We Breathe Virtual Reality](#)
- [Future Generations' OCEAN with David Attenborough | Blue Marine Foundation](#)
- [The Convex Seascape Survey – Climate Education | Blue Marine Foundation](#)
- [Climate-Ocean Education – A Teacher Training Guide | Blue Marine Foundation](#)

2. Maximising Student Engagement and Agency

Why it matters:

We can help you to create structured opportunities for students to engage with decision-makers. This is critical in addressing the eco-anxiety and lack of agency that many young people experience. By enabling young people to ask, demand, and persuade adults to take meaningful action on climate change, whether those adults are school leaders, community representatives, or politicians, they can **turn anxiety into hope and agency**.

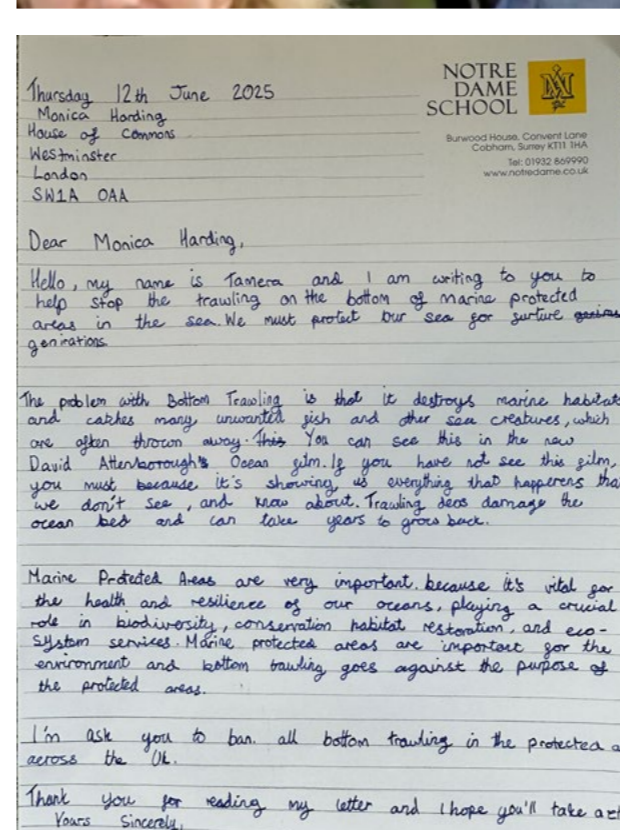


I am very worried about the oceans future and mine. Please help to fix this problem.



BLUE MARINE'S SUPPORT

- ✓ **Host Advocacy Film Making Workshops** and publicise your school's student-led actions and campaigns.
- ✓ Attend guided tours around Ocean exhibitions at the **Natural History Museum and London Science Museum** - Blue Education provides engaging resources to prepare for the visits and follow up.
- ✓ **Plan for field trips** to Blue Marine's project locations around the UK to inform understanding and advocacy actions as well as bringing ocean conservation to life!
- ✓ Establish a **Blue Marine Society** as part of your schools's Eco Club or Green Club.
- ✓ Receive **weekly/monthly actions** to complete, and topical issues to cover and discuss during their club hour.
- ✓ Arrange **assemblies** where students present their work on key ocean-climate topics/current affairs and events.
- ✓ Organise ocean-themed days and events such as **Celebrating World Oceans Day (June 8)** with school-wide activities.



**Hands-on
ocean advocacy
workshops**





3. Highlighting Green (or Blue) Career Pathways

Why it matters:

Educating young people about Green and Blue Career Pathways is essential for preparing them to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. This sector not only offers exciting roles in marine conservation, renewable energy, and sustainable agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries but also intersects with industries like technology, finance, law, economics and design – fields where sustainability is becoming a core value.

Even if a student's chosen career isn't directly linked to conservation, **integrating sustainability into their professional mindset empowers them to make responsible decisions, innovate ethically, and contribute to a healthier planet.** By embedding this awareness early, educators can help shape a generation that sees sustainability not as an option, but as a standard across all careers.

By showcasing the diversity of roles within ocean conservation and embedding sustainability into every aspect of their work, we can help young people see that **every career can be a green/blue career** when guided by environmental responsibility.

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BLUE MARINE SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- ✓ Offer **opportunities to visit our marine conservation project sites across the country**, giving your pupils valuable insights into marine conservation in action and how the oceans operate as climate regulators.
- ✓ Support assemblies and **presentations about our projects** such as the [Solent Seascape Project](#) to provide tangible examples of green/blue careers in action – from marine biology to environmental policy.
- ✓ **Career talks from our policy and investigations team** to showcase how we actively engage in policy advocacy, including legal challenges to protect marine life and ensure sustainable fishing practices. This work highlights career paths in environmental law, governance, and international relations – all crucial to systemic change.
- ✓ Schools can arrange competition prizes to offer 2-day **work experience opportunities with Blue Marine** at Somerset House and at our project sites.
- ✓ Engagement with Blue Education's Network and the associated activities will raise awareness and build connections to the ocean – **inspiring careers in environmental journalism, filmmaking and communications** – fields that amplify the message of sustainability.



Fieldtrips to Blue Marine's project sites and inspiring careers talks



4. Engage the Whole School Community... and beyond

Why it matters:

Engaging the whole school community and operations in these sustainable actions is both a powerful educational strategy and a practical way to model environmental responsibility. Embedding sustainability into school culture helps students develop the mindset and skills needed to tackle global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource scarcity.

Involving students in sustainable school operations increases their practical knowledge of sustainability and climate change as well as **giving them a sense of agency and pride in their education setting**. Blue Education offers a series of tasks and actions to raise awareness around, and build a culture of, sustainability throughout the school and into the local community.

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BLUE MARINE SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- ✓ Provide **frameworks to students for planning and decision-making** of events such as OCEAN with David Attenborough Screening, discussion panels and careers talks.
- ✓ Recommend actions for informing **sustainable school operations** from school design to school food options.
- ✓ Support **student-led campaign** ideas such as – **Sustainably Sourced Friday Fish** for School.
- ✓ **Engage parents and local community** in whole school events to **celebrate actions** in the classroom, the canteen, fieldtrips and campaign success.
- ✓ **Enhance your school's public visibility** in newsletters and website updates on the sustainable actions across the school, featuring **student articles, interviews, blogs and artwork**.
- ✓ **International Reach** – Blue Education's Network will connect you to schools and educators from around the world to share knowledge and expertise and **demonstrate to students that climate change is a global problem** which requires collective understanding.

Collaborative events to celebrate climate-ocean learning

5. Monitor, Evaluate, and Share Progress

Why it matters:

To ensure a rigorous and effective programme, we will support your Sustainability Leads to track impact and seek opportunities for continuous improvement to your Climate Action Plans. We will work together on regular updates and impact reporting, with the joint aim of publishing and sharing success stories and climate actions publically, and with the Department for Education.

BLUE MARINE SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- ✓ Set measurable goals and timelines for actions.
- ✓ Collect data regularly (e.g. number of students involved, number of events organised, articles written etc).
- ✓ Review and update the plan annually.
- ✓ Publish the plan and updates online.
- ✓ Share case studies with the DfE or other schools.



Publish + share success stories of your school's ocean-climate actions publically



WHY NOW?

Earlier this year, Blue Marine Foundation offered free tickets to 45 UK schools for the Future Generations' Premiere of **OCEAN WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH**.

With curriculum development experts in attendance, momentum has subsequently built around the urgency to better integrate the ocean into an Earth Systems-based approach to teaching.

Together with the DfE's requirement for every school to implement a climate action plan from September 2025, we have an added incentive for increased engagement with ocean-based learning and a unique opportunity to embed ocean literacy at the heart of our education system.

By acting now, we can transform this generational shift in awareness into lasting education change and ocean conservation impact.

Join The Blue Marine Max Stenbeck Legacy Programme to access exciting opportunities for engaging with these impactful and lasting actions.



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