

# Let us begin with this...

This Sunday's Gospel was from **Mark Chapter 10, verses 2-16.**

We have selected a section of the reading to share with you (Mark 10:13-16)

*"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these men, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.*





The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland on **1-12 November 2021**. The summit will bring together heads of states, experts, campaigners, and others to envision and accelerate towards a zero-carbon economy.

A photograph of a garment factory floor. Several workers are visible, including two in the foreground wearing pink shirts, working on long tables covered with pink fabric pieces. The floor is dark and has some blue markings. Large windows are visible in the background, and the overall scene depicts a busy manufacturing environment.

What can we do?

*Get informed, make a difference.*

# Fast Fashion: Know The True Cost

# Did you know...?



## NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE FASHION INDUSTRY



The UK spends **£27 billion** on clothes each year and there's no sign that our obsession for fast fashion is slowing down.

**Eighty billion** pieces of  
clothing are consumed  
globally every year.

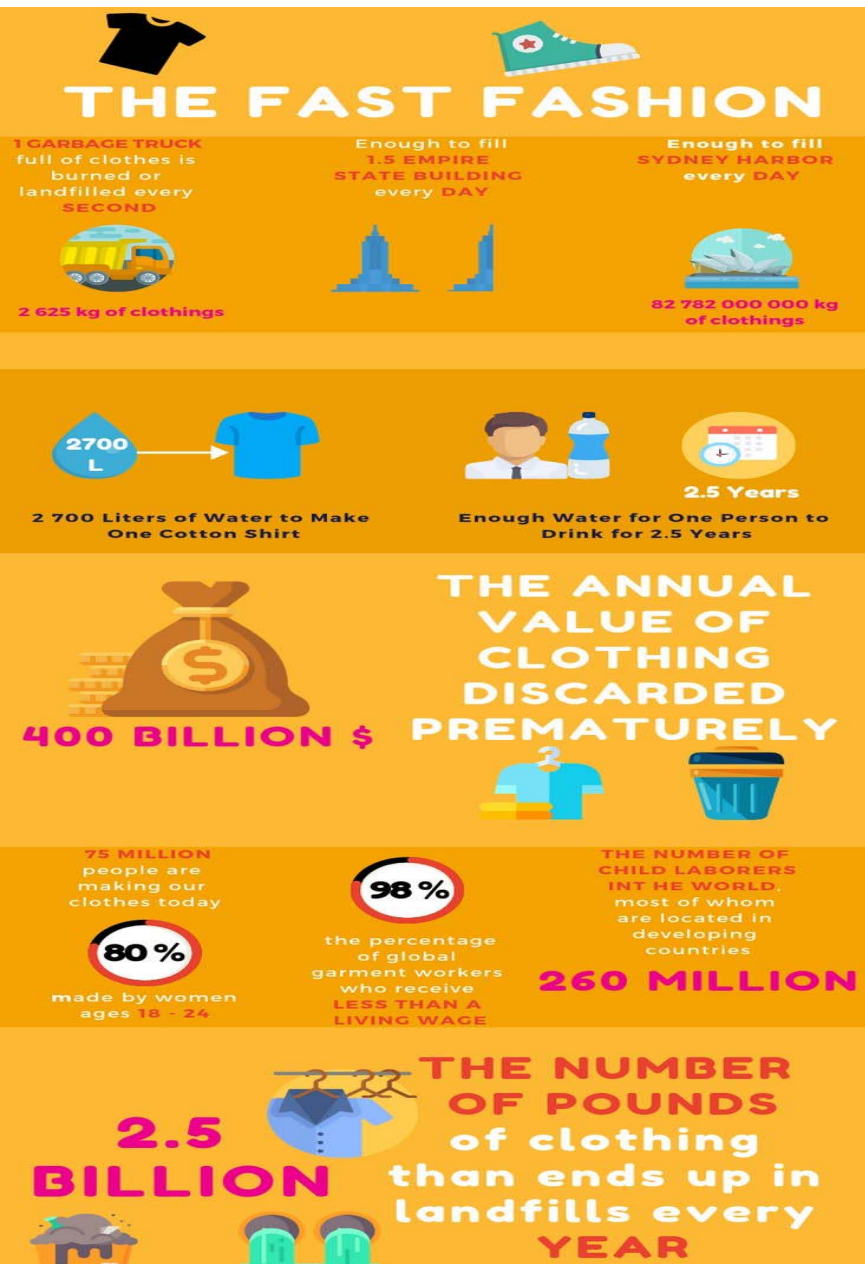
**85% of the plastic  
pollution in the ocean is  
due to microfibers from  
synthetic clothing.**

# Fast fashion: What is it?

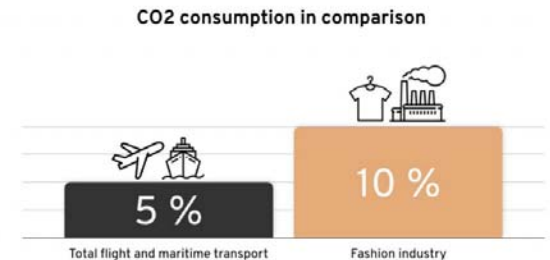
Fast fashion can be defined as **cheap, trendy clothing** that samples ideas from the catwalk or celebrity culture and turns them into garments in high street stores at breakneck speed to meet consumer demand.

It encourages regular purchases of clothes by consumers who want to keep up with trends.





# Impact On The Environment



- 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest global polluter
- Use of fossil fuels. For example, synthetic polymers are not renewable, and can actually be classified as a type of plastic. They can release micro plastics into the water system.
- The fashion industry is a huge water consumer. Did you know that it takes 2700 liters of water to make a single cotton t-shirt?

# Stacey Dooley Investigates The Fast Fashion Industry



# Impact On Humans



- Fast Fashion is one of the main industries attribute to human trafficking.
- Sweatshop labour and inhumane working conditions.
- Low wages and long hours, workers struggle to even afford the most basic necessities.
- Pollution of the local community environment, for example pollution of rivers from fabric dyes.
- Reduced rights for women: 90% of our clothes are made by women, the industry keeps women uneducated in developing countries.

In 2013 the **Dhaka garment factory collapsed** in Bangladesh, killing 1,134 workers. The factory manufactured apparel for brands including [Prada](#), [Gucci](#), [Versace](#), [Moncler](#), [Monsoon](#), [Mango](#), [Matalan](#), [Primark](#), and [Walmart](#).



The industry is highly unregulated, the workers are put at risk every day.

# Why do we need a fashion revolution?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoiU8sprXpQ>

# So what can we do to help?

Tackling Fast Fashion on a student budget.

- We know it is easier said than done to stop shopping at Primark or to only shop for sustainable fabrics... but even small acts to our behaviour can make a big difference.

## Steps **you** can take to fight Fast Fashion



# Join the 'slow' fashion movement

1. Buy less.
2. Shop secondhand. Reuse and re-purpose.
3. Choose quality over quantity.
4. Buy basic staples, not trend-driven.
5. Donate or resell your clothes that you already own.





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# ‘Fashion Fix’ Project

Faiths4Change



A curriculum linked, climate change project for schools in Merseyside running from September 2021 - April 2022

The Fashion Fix project will reduce the amount of textiles going to landfill by engaging pupils, teachers and parents in understanding reuse, reduce and recycle. Its title, “Fashion Fix”, refers to both the repairing of clothes, but also the addiction to fashion consumption.

Our school is taking part in this climate change initiative in order to raise awareness of how much our fashion choices affect the environment.



# 'Ten Tonne' challenge

- We can make a positive change in Merseyside and beyond through what we choose to wear, how we look after our clothes and how we get rid of things we don't want anymore. In this project, Faiths4Change and Liverpool World Centre aimed to divert ten tonnes of clothing and textiles from the rubbish bin.
- What we want you as students to do:
- Think about how much of your clothes you actually wear
- What can be worn again, up cycled or donated?
- If you have any unworn clothes, then gather them together and put them in a bag that you can bring to the collection point in our school
- **THE AIM IS FOR OUR SCHOOL TO COLLECT AS MUCH CLOTHING AS POSSIBLE.**
- When? After half term so you have time to look through your wardrobes!





# Our New Eco Reps!!!





Dear God,  
As we celebrate the beauty and  
diversity of your creation, we reflect  
on our negative habits of  
consumerism and wastefulness.  
Please give each one of us the desire  
and the means to put things right.  
Teach us to be responsible stewards of  
this world  
and to seek the common good.  
Amen.

