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## Green Planet Solutions – Eco Dry

Highbury College continues to invest in the future by installing the Eco Dry energy efficient hand dryer, which is the latest addition to Green Planet Solutions range. The Eco Dry hand dryer has a variable speed motor that enables it to perform efficiently using just 1–1.4kW of power, ensuring low annual running costs of around £8.

Ian McGaw Head of Estates at Highbury College Portsmouth, which has recently invested in a new multi-million pound Campus, says that there were many options to choose from when purchasing new hand dryers. 'We were spoilt for choice but the decision to go with the GPS Eco Dry was due to its ability to work in all areas of the Campus.

'There are areas in the College where it would have been difficult to install an energy saving hand dryer,' explains Ian, 'And we needed a dryer that doesn't break the sound barrier when drying your hands.

'The Eco Dry can be adjusted to accommodate the noise reduction levels required in some areas whilst continuing to dry hands in under 12 seconds as per the College brief.

'The dryer has been received well by staff and students alike. From my perspective the Green Planet Eco Dry offered us energy savings against a normal dryer and was great value for money.'

Highbury College has made substantial investments in sustainable technology in its efforts to drive down carbon emissions. Other sustainable features of the new Highbury Campus include:

- The installation of one of the largest ground source heat pump systems in the UK.
- State-of-the-art classrooms with ambient temperature and lighting that adjusts to each room.
- Photovoltaic (solar) cells that produce 13,600kWh of energy per year.
- New desktop PCs that use half the power of old ones.
- Glazed 'street' that includes a motorised brise soleil, reducing solar gain during warmer seasons and allowing passive solar heating during the winter months.