

Cycle, Cycle Everyday... To School Do Not Hesitate To Make Your Way!

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Pollution is a massive problem and a subject for discussion around the world, even in small villages around the Maltese Islands. To limit this dilemma, the Government of Malta encourages public schools to look for different means of transport rather than going to school by cars or buses. As an alternative, St. Benedict's College, Secondary School, Kirkop, promotes cycling to school. By means of a study carried out by the Ekoskola Year 10 committee, it was found that only 4 people... 2 students and 2 educators go to school by bike.

Two out of these four people were interviewed. They were asked various questions regarding cycling to school. They said that cycling is fun and that it is also a means of exercise which makes you fit. They stated that by providing more bike racks and accessibility to the bikes, more students may be encouraged to use the bike to school, more frequently.



The current bike racks at this school

Picture taken from the Green School Travel Plan

When the Ekoskola Team heard about this setback, they immediately took action to find an ideal space to install more bike racks while keeping the bicycles sheltered [racks of the Sheffield type, since the present racks are considered by many as wheel benders.]



Sheffield Bike Stands

Picture taken from startsafety.uk

Apart from this, the government shall give out a sum of money to help the school with the expenses regarding this sustainable project.



The place where the new bicycle racks will be installed

Picture taken by the Ekoskola Committee

A year 10 student attending this school, exclaimed that the bicycle routes, “are never a 100% safe due to the lack of cycling paths and the state of Maltese streets and due to the lack of knowledge some drivers may have on what to do when they encounter a cyclist on the road.” He suggested that there should be more cycling paths on the roads as they are extremely important for people who have just started cycling. Apart from this, Mr. Buttigieg, a History teacher-cyclist in this school, said that cycling is important for the environment and thanks to it, pollution is being lessened.

Hopefully, as soon as the new bicycle racks are installed, more students will be encouraged to use their bike. Let’s contribute to a safer and cleaner environment together!

