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### **jhd Architects Supports Cranbrook School's Eco-Drive**

14 February 2011— Some one hundred 15-16 year olds from Cranbrook School this morning heard how schools in England throw away the equivalent of 185 double-decker buses of waste every day – 78% of which could be recycled.

This was one of several startling facts included in 'Schools That Don't Cost The Earth', a presentation made by Benenden-based Architect Tim Ball as part of Cranbrook School's Sustainability Week.

Praising the improvements already made by the School, Mr Ball explained the vital role students, teachers and parents can play in reducing waste, saving energy and recycling. "As a practice we specialize in 'energy-saving' architecture because we believe that is where the future lies. What better place to start spreading the word than in schools?" he said.

Students also heard about renewable energy technologies – solar electricity, solar water heating, wind, ground source heat, air source heat and biomass and how they have been used at Howe Dell Primary, one of the UK's first 'eco schools'.

Emma Brown, Chair of the School's Eco-Committee said: "Tim's presentation reinforced the fact that our students really can make a difference – here and now."

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Notes for Editors:

1. jhd Architects is a small practice known for creating beautiful, energy-efficient buildings. Based in Benenden and Sevenoaks, its portfolio ranges from new houses to extensions, alterations and conversions of listed and commercial buildings including a care home. Whatever the age of the building, the practice offers a contemporary design approach, practical energy-saving solutions and considerable experience of obtaining planning permission in sensitive areas. Most clients are in South East England – London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex – but commissions are accepted further afield and overseas too. For more information see [www.jhdarchitects.co.uk](http://www.jhdarchitects.co.uk)
2. For a copy of 'Schools That Don't Cost The Earth' go to [www.jhdarchitects.co.uk/blog](http://www.jhdarchitects.co.uk/blog)