

SAVE THE MED

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Do you ever think about the quantity of paper used at schools?

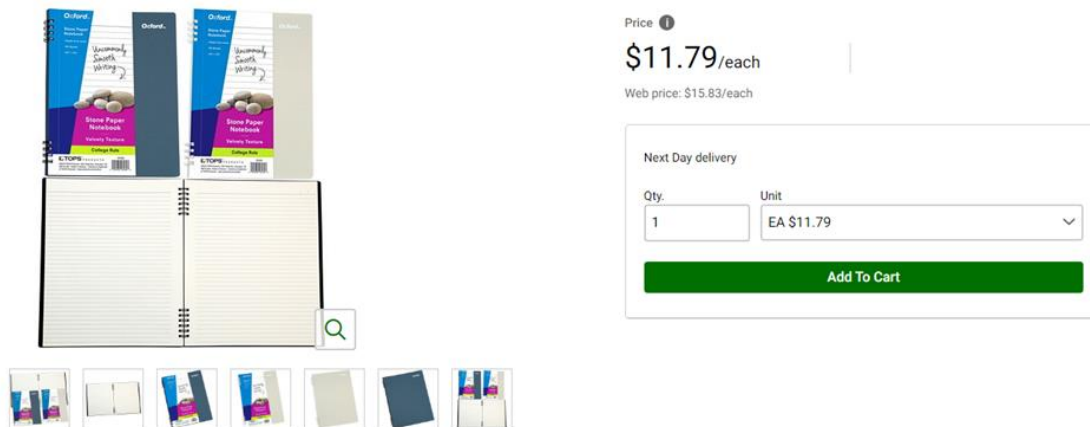
Last year at our school we started using satchel for our notes, but we noticed that we are wasting too much paper, we calculated that we spent at least 28.000 \$ for all our paper and satchel in a year, 25.000\$ is spent on papers which at least more than 2.666.000 papers are thrown because the students did something wrong or used them for something not useful; another half is not even used. Even though we save it for next year, is never used, is true that one of the solutions could be to buy less paper, but there would be too many or insufficient due to that we don't know how much we use.



When our teacher told us about this project, we were excited to start with it. The first thing we thought was that we had to do something that every school could add to the everyday life of a student or teacher. One of the first things we thought was about the quantity of plastic schools use in their everyday, but it's nearly impossible to convince all the schools of the Balearic Islands to stop using that many plastics, due to that it is a material that is difficult to replace. Thinking about the things we abuse of; we thought about the quantity of paper that we waste every day at our school, and thinking about our quantity, we couldn't even think about the quantity of paper that are wasted by all the Balearic Islands, so we thought about some solutions. While we were thinking about solutions, a clear solution came to mind, replace the paper with something else. In the present, is amazingly easy to replace it with tablets or electronic devices, but we thought about something that is more similar and more economic, stone paper.

Stone paper products, also referred to as bio-plastic paper, mineral paper or rich mineral paper, are strong and durable paper-like materials manufactured from calcium carbonate bonded with high-density polyethylene resin. Which means that is extremely difficult to break. After finding this material we hopped on to search prices, alternatives, ... After searching for hours, the best alternative, we founded was the Oxford University Press Stone Paper Notebook.

The Oxford University Press Stone Paper Notebook is a high-quality, stone paper notebook. One of the qualities that caught our attention the most was that you must instal an application and once you end with your notes you scan it, and you erase it with water, and it stays saved at the app, so like this we can recycle the stone paper and refuse to classic paper.



The Oxford University Press Stone Paper Notebook is only 11.79\$ each, so if we changed all our satchel with this notebook, we would waste a total of 11.790\$ we would save up to 16.210\$ and we would save at least 2.000 trees within one slight change.

If we carry out our goal and all the schools of the Balearic Islands change their classic notebooks or papers to the new Press Stone Paper Notebook, we will generate a tremendous change in the islands, and if we generate a substantial change maybe will some schools of the rest of the world can join to our idea and together save the med.

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