



Student  
Voice

**YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS**

**Good morning, Principal,  
teachers and fellow students.**

**Today, we will have the Student  
Voice program where students**

**can share our thoughts and  
opinions on a topic.**

**My name is Hilary and today I  
would like to talk about**



# The True Price of Fast Fashion.

I made this for  
**\$0,60**

I bought this for  
**\$50**





Fast fashion can be defined as |  
cheap, trendy clothing produced |





and sold in high street stores and  
online. They are used quickly |





and then put into the  
rubbish bin. |





Fast fashion is produced in |  
sweatshops to supply developed |





countries with cheap, trendy |  
clothes at the expense of |





workers in developing countries. |  
Countries such as Malaysia, |





where delivery workers work on 'no  
work, no pay' contracts with |





base salaries that are barely above |  
the minimum wage. |





They rely on bonuses to get a living wage, but they can only |





earn this by delivering products on |  
some of Asia's most dangerous roads. |





Many workers are exploited in the textile industry. They receive



low wages and no compensation if  
their factory closes down. |





For example, Indonesian workers travelled to Tokyo and campaigned |





outside Uniqlo stores to show the  
company how they had been





affected after their factory shut  
down in 2015. Over 2,000 workers





were left unemployed with no  
compensation. |





Also, women are unable to get  
treatment when they get sick |



because of the scandalous wage, |  
they cannot afford to send their





children to school all the while |  
enduring long hours, unsafe





conditions and almost no pay. |  
I think that large retail brands





should increase the minimum wage |  
because it can make the



workers become more engaged. |  
Also, I think they can reduce the





working hours to allow workers  
enough time to rest, socialize |



and care for their families. Further, |  
they should have holidays |





on a regular basis. Consequently, |  
they will feel happy and rested and |



complete their work |  
more efficiently.





Let's support workers rights by |  
being loyal to retail brands that



have good working conditions |  
for their employees.





I hope my sharing has raised  
awareness on this topic |



Thank-you. |