**PARENT/GUARDIAN LETTER OR EMAIL TEMPLATE:**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to share that our students are invited to be part of the GSL Catalyst, a virtual leadership and social action course that will provide them with the opportunity to develop a variety of skills and make a positive impact on their communities. It is being delivered by Future Foundations.

This opportunity is open to **15-17-year olds**. The course is delivered by experienced UK based facilitators and aims to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values students need today to thrive in and shape their world; nurture wellbeing and develop the skills to implement real social action challenges and projects with a focus on their leadership development. This opportunity will prepare them to apply to Rise.

**The programme dates and deadlines?**

* **Leadership Training Sessions: 7th November & 25th November 2023** (we will be running two sessions per day at 8am & 3pm UK time on the stated dates above). Additional support will be provided if some are not available to make those sessions.
* **Project Support Check in Sessions:** (TBC – this will be an opportunity to attend a session with a GSL team member who will be there to answer any questions you may have and provide guidance). ***Students can use their projects to apply to Rise.***

Rise is a programme that finds promising young people and provides opportunity as they work to serve others. The programme seeks young people ages 15 to 17 and encourages a lifetime of service and learning by providing support that may include need-based scholarships, mentorship, networking, access to career development opportunities, and the potential for additional funding as Rise Global Winners work to develop bold ideas for public benefit.

* **Registration to Rise:** All young people MUST register via the [Rise Platform.](http://www.risefortheworld.org/global-social-leaders)
* **Rise Submission Deadline: 17th January 2024** [**via the Rise Platform**](https://www.risefortheworld.org/apply-to-rise/?utm_source=global-social-leaders&utm_medium=general)

For more information visit the Rise programme website: [Rise | Homepage (risefortheworld.org)](https://www.risefortheworld.org/)

**Cost?** The GSL Catalyst course is free to all young people to participate in.

**Where?** This course will be delivered online via Zoom.

**Who will attend?** Young people aged 15-17 from schools around the world. *Note: Applicants must be 15-17 as of July 1, 2024, meaning they were born on or between July 2, 2006, and July 1, 2009*

**How does my child register?** Your child should inform their teacher and register directly via the Rise Platform ([www.risefortheworld.org/global-social-leaders](http://www.risefortheworld.org/global-social-leaders))

By joining this course, you will give your child the opportunity of a lifetime. [Future Foundations](http://www.future-foundations.co.uk/) are an award-winning provider of pioneering leadership and character programmes.

To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity please ensure your child speaks to XXXX or get in touch with the organisers directly via:

- Email – social.leaders@future-foundations.co.uk

- Instant chat - [click here](https://www.globalsocialleaders.com/join-2/instantchat/) (Available from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

Kind regards,

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