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Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 9 - 13 – ‘Billion Rise’

Maiden Erlegh has been selected for an exciting pilot for a new youth voice online platform called ‘Billion Rise’.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a pilot for the ambitious project ‘Billion Rise’ which aim is to offer all 13–18-year-olds in the world the opportunity to work together to tackle pressing global issues, for example climate change. The project aims to give the youth control over a pot of money provided by philanthropists, effectively putting them in charge of a charitable foundation with a remit to address global issues.

The pilot on 14 and 21 October 2022 has places for 40 students to participate in two sessions, running in the Friday extended tutor time during school hours. One of those sessions would involve the students sharing their ideas with counterparts at a school in Mexico. Avaaz, the world’s biggest global online campaigning movement, oversee the pilots.

Students participating will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of global issues, feel a sense of empowerment and agency in the world, and develop a greater sense of shared human identity. There is no requirement for students to be involved outside of the two sessions. The sessions are to be run at school and supervised by Ms Pravda and Mr Whorriskey.

If you would like you child to take part, please respond to the expression of link below **by Friday 30 September 2022**. Places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. If your child is successful in gaining a place you will receive a letter confirming this in due course. If you do not hear anything I am afraid there were not enough places to offer your child, the experience this time.

[Expression of Interest - ‘Billion Rise’ - responses](#)

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Ms I Pravda
Head of Drama