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**All for Altruism**

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Dear parents,

In a world where compassion, empathy, and community engagement are of paramount importance, fostering these values in our young minds is crucial. We, at GLS, have been doing ground-breaking things in terms of sustainability and philanthropy over the years and now we have decided to structurally make that a part of our students' holistic journey at school through our exclusive programme, *All for Altruism*.

The Middle School Voluntary Service Programme, *All for Altruism* aims to provide an enriching and transformative experience for middle school students, allowing them to actively participate in various community service initiatives. This program not only enhances their personal growth but also contributes positively to the society they are a part of.

Family values are an indispensable cornerstone of society's moral and ethical framework. In an era marked by rapid change and evolving societal norms, the preservation and promotion of these values are paramount. Strong family values also offer a steadfast refuge during tumultuous times. The enduring camaraderie of a loving family helps to cultivate a harmonious, principled, and interdependent society. We, at GLS, foster these moral guidelines to empower our students to make principled decisions, in order to contribute meaningfully to society, and uphold the highest standards of integrity.

Our unique programme stands as a beacon of hope and growth, offering middle school students a transformative journey that blends academic learning with hands-on service experiences. This innovative initiative aims to cultivate the values of empathy, responsibility, and active citizenship in the hearts and minds of young individuals, equipping them with essential life skills while nurturing their capacity to contribute positively to society.

At the heart of *All for Altruism* lies the desire to instil compassion and empathy in the next generation. Middle school students are at a critical juncture in their lives, poised between childhood innocence and the burgeoning awareness of the world's complexities. This program recognizes the inherent potential within these young minds to create meaningful change and focuses on harnessing this potential for the betterment of both individuals and communities.

As the Middle School Voluntary Service Programme unfolds, it nurtures the emergence of compassionate leaders who are equipped to address the challenges of an evolving world. By combining academic learning with practical experiences, the program bridges the gap between theory and practice, cultivating well-rounded individuals who are intellectually curious, emotionally intelligent, and socially responsible.

This program isn't just about creating a temporary impact; it's about nurturing a lifelong commitment to service and empathy. Through their participation, middle school students become active contributors to the betterment of society, inspiring others with their actions, and leaving a legacy of compassion and change. The Middle School Voluntary Service Programme isn't just a program; it's a catalyst for a brighter future.

## Details of the programme

*All for Altruism* is a comprehensive programme that is mandatory for every student graduating from GLS. Through this initiative we want to internalize empathy and build a nation of empathetic future leaders. A total service of minimum 150 hours between grades 6 and 10 is compulsory, these could be from a plethora of activities majorly under any of the three umbrellas- **Environment conservation and animal care; Education, coaching and teaching others; Looking after the needy and Healthcare.** However, the hours need to be validated by a registered and recognised volunteering body. This would not only sensitize our students about community service and compassion but also keep them in good stead in terms of their university admissions, adding credibility to their holistic growth as human beings.

We sincerely hope that we will get a lot of support from the parents in this noble pursuit and that our students will only be excited and thrilled at the prospect of such an opportunity!

Warm regards,



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