Open your Eyes. Open your Ears. Open your Mind.

Open your eyes. Whether it’s one student picking on another in the quad or some soldier dangling a water bottle in front of an Iraqi child, there’s a need for leadership.

Open your ears. Whether it’s the sound of cars idling at the flags or the sound of chainsaws in the Amazon basin, there’s a need for leadership.

Open your mind. Whether you like it or not, whether you think about it or not, you are playing a role in this world. The words you use, the shows you watch, the clothes you wear, everything has an impact on people and planet.

What impact do you want to have?
If you open yourself to the world and find that you want to make a difference, you are talking about being a leader. You might be the type who likes to be at the head of the table or you might be the poster child for shyness at the side – it doesn’t matter where you sit. If you speak your mind and help move the group forward, you are a leader.

And you aren’t the only one. Whether it’s shoes to Mongolia or letters to despots or green bins for compost, you have peers who are ready to welcome you into their ranks. The school itself is shifting resources to better support service and sustainability initiatives. The Board has agreed that a key desire of the school is to equip students to engage the world with open eyes, ears and minds; to be leaders.

And the research is clear. Leadership skills and abilities can be taught. Everyone can be a leader. The only question is:

What sort of leader do you want to be?
You are being asked to help identify the four pillars for our leadership programme. Along with teachers, parents and staff, we are asking you to distil which four words best capture the nature of a good leader. The pillars we choose will be emphasised across the board: from outdoor education courses and school councils to disciplinary measures and history class. They will become a reference point in our discussions about what we see, hear, think and, most of all, do.

The words are important. It makes a difference whether or not we name “Courage” as a pillar. If we don’t, then our emphasis might fall on actions that are consistently risk adverse or crowd pleasing. If we don’t name “Humility”, then we might stumble into the self-absorption and arrogance that sometimes comes with our socio-economic privilege. If we don’t name “Legacy”, then we might stagger into the pattern of valuing immediate gratification over lasting impact. Similar implications emerge for Awareness, Conviction, Empathy, Integrity, Respect, Self-Awareness, Service or whatever term you’d like to add to the mix. It’s a difficult balancing act.

Each potential pillar is important, but which four are the most important? Your thoughts will be collected at grade out meetings starting February 14th.

Tell us. We’re listening.
They both use the force…

…but who’d you prefer as Head of School?

Good Leadership is about Character.
Think about It. Talk about It.
Choose.

What sort of Leader? Think
What sort of Leader? 

**Good Leadership is about Character:**

Choose.
Fact:
Every person has the capacity to lead.

Fact:
Every student will be encouraged to develop their potential.

Fact:
Four pillars will guide that process.

Shape your School.
Pick your Pillars.

Awareness: the discipline of familiarizing oneself with global issues and of being mindful of one’s own character and purpose. Conviction: the consistent application and promotion of strongly held values or beliefs through thought, word and action. Courage: the strength to venture and withstand fear, uncertainty or intimidation. Empathy: the objective comprehension and sensitive recognition of another person’s situation, condition or thoughts. Humility: the understanding that other people and their ideas deserve equal consideration to you and your own. Integrity: the sense of wholeness that comes from matching words to action, creating a consistent life. Legacy: the lasting impact of an act of leadership, ranging from values that become entrenched in a culture to the structures that support those values. Respect: the unbiased regard for the rights, values, beliefs and property of all people. Self-Awareness: the ability to perceive one’s own existence, including one’s personality, behaviour and moral core. Service: the act of helping others or tending the environment as an expression of our highest values. Time to Choose 4 Pillars.
The press spoke then of suicide, but in the essence, it is not. It is not even a protest. What the monks said in the letters they left before burning themselves aimed only at alarming, at moving the hearts of the oppressors, and at calling the attention of the world to the suffering endured then by the Vietnamese. To burn oneself by fire is to prove that what one is saying is of the utmost importance…. The Vietnamese monk, by burning himself, says with all his strength and determination that he can endure the greatest of sufferings to protect his people…. To express will by burning oneself, therefore, is not to commit an act of destruction but to perform an act of construction, that is, to suffer and to die for the sake of one’s people. This is not suicide.

Thich Nhat Hnah

Good Leadership is about Character. Choose. Think about It. Talk about It.
They’re both white wizards…

…but who’d you prefer as your Chaplain?

Good Leadership is about Character.

Think about It. Talk about It. Choose.

What sort of Leader? Think

assertiveness … caring … cleanliness … commitment … compassion … confidence … consideration … cooperation … courage … courtesy … creativity … detachment … determination … diligence … enthusiasm … excellence … flexibility … forgiveness … friendliness … generosity … gentleness … helpfulness … honesty … honour … humility … idealism … integrity … industry … justice … kindness … love … loyalty … moderation … modesty … orderliness … patience … peacefulness … perseverance … purposefulness … reliability … respect … responsibility … self-discipline … service … tact … thankfulness … tolerance … trust … trustworthiness … truthfulness … understanding … unity … choose 4
Courage
the strength to venture and withstand fear, uncertainty or intimidation.

It’s about finding the resolve to do what you think is right even when your colleagues, your friends or your government disagree.

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What sort of Leader? Think

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How would you sum up a civil rights legend in four pillars or less?

Rosa Parks

assertiveness … caring … cleanliness … commitment … compassion … confidence … consideration … cooperation … courage … courtesy … creativity … detachment … determination … diligence … enthusiasm … excellence … flexibility … forgiveness … friendliness … generosity … gentleness … helpfulness … honesty … honour … humility … idealism … integrity … justice … kindness … love … loyalty … moderation … modesty … orderliness … patience … peacefulness … perseverance … purposefulness … reliability … respect … responsibility … self-discipline … service … tact … thankfulness … tolerance … trust … trustworthiness … truthfulness … understanding … unity … choose 4

What sort of Leader?
Empathy
the objective comprehension and sensitive recognition of another person’s situation, condition or thoughts.

“Suffering and joy teach us, if we allow them, how to make the leap of empathy, which transports us into the soul and heart of another person. In those transparent moments we know other people’s joys and sorrows, and we care about their concerns as if they were our own.”

Fritz Williams

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What sort of Leader?
Let’s Talk Hero

Try to sum up the man in four pillars. We dare you.

assertiveness … caring … cleanliness … commitment … compassion … confidence … consideration … cooperation … courage … courtesy … creativity … detachment … determination … diligence … enthusiasm … excellence … flexibility … forgiveness … friendliness … generosity … gentleness … helpfulness … honesty … honour … humility … idealism … integrity … justice … kindness … loyalty … moderation … modesty … orderliness … patience … peacefulness … perseverance … purposefulness … reliability … respect … responsibility … self-discipline … service … tact … thankfulness … tolerance … trust … trustworthiness … truthfulness … understanding … unity … choose 4

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What sort of Leader? Think
Humility is an antonym for arrogance, the understanding that your ideas are superior simply because they are yours.

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What sort of Leader? Think
What word do you think should be added to the list of contenders for pillar status, along with
Aware, Conviction, Courage, Empathy, Humility, Integrity, Legacy, Respect, Self-Aware and Service?

assertiveness ... caring ... cleanliness ... commitment ... compassion ... confidence ... consideration ... cooperation ... courage ... courtesy ... creativity ... detached ... determination ... diligence ... enthusiasm ... excellence ... flexibility ... forgiveness ... friendliness ... generosity ... gentleness ... helpfulness ... honesty ... honor ... humility ... idealism ... integrity ... joyfulness ... justice ... kindness ... love ... loyalty ... moderation ... modesty ... orderliness ... patience ... peacefulness ... perseverance ... purposefulness ... reliability ... respect ... responsibility ... self-discipline ... service ... tact ... thankfulness ... tolerance ... trust ... trustworthiness ... truthfulness ... understanding ... unity ... choose 4

If you have a word, write it down with a rough definition and pass it on to the Rev.

Good Leadership is about Character.
Think about It. Talk about It.
Choose.
Good Leadership is about Character:

What sort of Leader? Choose:
Stand out from the Crowd

Good Leadership is about Character. Think about It. Talk about It. Choose.

What sort of Leader?

assertiveness ... caring ... cleanliness ... commitment ... compassion ... confidence ... consideration ... cooperation ... courage ... courtesy ... creativity ... detachment ... determination ... diligence ... enthusiasm ... excellence ... flexibility ... forgiveness ... friendliness ... generosity ... gentleness ... helpfulness ... honesty ... honour ... humility ... idealism ... integrity ... justice ... kindness ... love ... loyalty ... moderation ... modesty ... orderliness ... patience ... peacefulness ... perseverance ... purposefulness ... reliability ... respect ... responsibility ... self-discipline ... service ... tact ... thankfulness ... tolerance ... trust ... trustworthiness ... truthfulness ... understanding ... unity ... choose 4

You have an opinion. Share it.
Integrity
the sense of wholeness that comes from matching words to action, creating a consistent life.

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.”
Mohandas Gandhi

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Think about It. Talk about It. Choose.

What sort of Leader?
Ten Words. Four Pillars.

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**Time to Choose**.

Tell us what you think.
Fill out a form. Drop it in a box.
And help shape our leadership programme.

What sort of Leader? **Think**
Respect
the unbiased regard for the rights, values, beliefs and property of all people.

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Think about It. Talk about It. Choose.

What sort of Leader?

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tact … thankfulness … tolerance … trust … trustworthiness … truthfulness … understanding … unity … choose 4
You can do what you’re told. Or you can help shape the message.
Service
the act of helping others or tending the environment as an expression of our highest values.

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.”
Martin Luther King, Junior

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Good Leadership is about Character:
Think about It. Talk about It. Choose.

What sort of Leader?

Think
He’s still deciding.

Even though you’re not in the belly of the Krakon, isn’t it about time you made your choice?

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Time to Choose 4 Pillars.

What sort of Leader?
Self-Awareness
the ability to perceive one’s own existence, including one’s personality, behaviour and moral core.

Knowing others is intelligence…

...knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Lao Tzu

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