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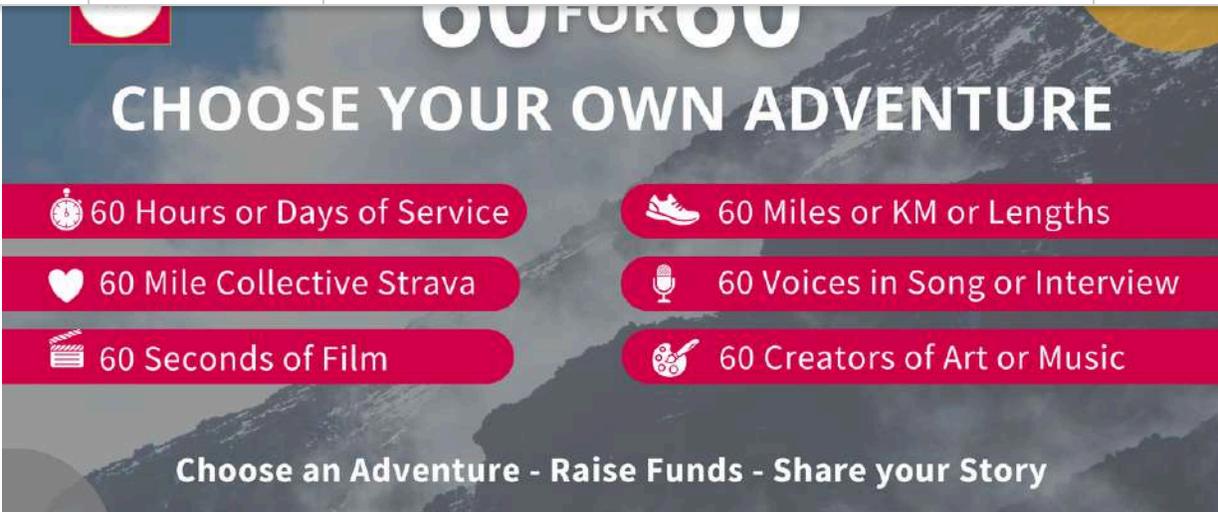
## Round Square Weekly 28 January 2026

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## Launching the '60 for 60: Choose Your Own Adventure' Challenge

This year, the Round Square community will celebrate **60 years** of shared commitment to making a positive difference in the world through character education.

To celebrate this milestone, '**60 for 60: Choose Your Own Adventure**' invites students and staff in every Round Square school to set and complete their own adventurous challenge, ideally raising funds along the way for Round Square's charitable activities such as RSIS Projects and Bursaries.

The choice of challenge is up to participants, either as a whole-school or individually. It can be physical but it doesn't have to be. The only requirement is that it must promote a Spirit of Adventure, by stretching each participant beyond your comfort zone. We want students to exercise courage and tenacity, and explore new ideas, places or spaces, building confidence, resilience, and character along the way.

### How your students can get involved

Here are some ideas to get you started in thinking about what your challenge may be:

- **60 hours of service:** volunteering (e.g. 5 hrs a month x12)
- **60 days of service:** 60 students each contribute a day
- **60 miles/ km/ lengths:** Hike, Cycle, Walk, Row, Swim
- **60 mile collective Strava:** Diamond / Round Square / Pizza
- **60 voices:** Choir / Interviews / Soundbites / Podcasts

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For students seeking a larger-scale expedition experience, the **Kilimanjaro 60 Expedition** will take place from **8–21 August 2026**, offering a powerful example of adventure, teamwork, and purpose. [Apply for the Kilimanjaro Expedition here.](#)

### Share your story

Throughout the year we will be collecting, sharing, and celebrating stories of 60 for 60 Adventurous Challenges set and conquered. Please ask your students for a **short written account** (150–200 words, with a photo or video) about their chosen adventure or what Round Square means to them which they can upload [HERE](#). Everyone who submits a story of a genuine personal adventure will receive a completion certificate.

The 60 for 60 Challenge is designed to be flexible and inclusive. Schools are encouraged to start in ways that suit their capacity, involve as many students as possible, and build from there. Every contribution matters, and together they form a shared global celebration of Adventure in action.

### Next Step

Decide on your adventures and complete a short pledge form so we can support your school every step of the way.

Pledge your 60 for 60 Adventures

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Dates in 2026	Host School	Location	Age Range	RS IDEALS Focus
27 to 31 January	Rajkumar College, Rajkot	India	10 to 12	Adventure
4 to 9 February	Elaraki School, Marrakech	Morocco	16 to 18	Leadership
8 to 12 February	CheongShim International Academy	South Korea	15 to 18	Service
13 to 16 February	Evangelical Christian School, Memphis	USA	15 to 17	Service
18 to 22 February	Singapore International School, Mumbai	India	12 to 14	Environmentalism
6 to 10 March	The Emerald Heights International School, Indore	India	13 to 15	Adventure
25 to 29 March	St George's Grammar School, Cape Town	South Africa	16 to 18	Adventure
2 to 6 April	KC Public School, Jammu	India	12 to 14	Leadership
7 to 12 April	Ballarat Grammar, Victoria	Australia	14 to 16	Democracy
16 to 21 April	Landheim Ammersee	Germany	13 to 15	Democracy
11 to 17 May	Colegio Bilingüe ANAN	Ecuador	14 to 16	Adventure
18 to 23 May	RGS Surrey Hills	UK	14 to 16	Internationalism
11 to 16 June	Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada	China	16 to 18	Internationalism
1 to 5 June	St Constantine's International School, Arusha	Tanzania	10 to 12	Environmentalism
28 June to 2 July	Hilton College	South Africa	14 to 16	Environmentalism
11 to 16 August	Trivandrum International School, Kerala	India	14 to 16	Service
28 Sept to 3 October	Barker College, Sydney	Australia	16 to 18	RSIC2026
23 to 28 November	Calgary French and International School	Canada	13 to 15	Environmentalism

## Round Square Conferences 2026: Additional Conference Added

With thanks to St Constantine's International School in Tanzania for hosting, we have added an additional conference to the 2026 Round Square Conference Calendar. This RS conference is for 10-12 year olds with the theme of "Pamoja Tunajenga - Together we Build" and will focus on Environmentalism.

We continue to invite schools to submit Letters of Commitment (LoCs) for all student events taking place this year.

Please note that Letters of Commitment will be accepted, and places filled, on a first-come, first-served basis, and some conferences may close early once capacity is reached.

All conferences shown in grey are full but some are operating a waiting list. You can find out by clicking on the link to submit a LoC for a conference that is full. If there is a waiting list in operation it will appear on the same link. Should places become available, schools on the waiting lists will be contacted in the order in which they signed up.

RS Conferences 2026



## Student Reflections from RSIS India December 2025

An enjoyment of shared work, daily reflection, and living alongside peers from around the world were just some of the lessons learnt by students who participated in December's RSIS Project to India with Daly College.

Following a period of reflection, this month, student participants were asked to complete an online survey about the impact the experience has had on them.

They told us that they developed confidence, built their communication skills, and gained a deeper understanding of teamwork and responsibility through contributing to a village health camp, helping to construct a mud library, and taking part in nightly Baraza groups around the campfire. Aleena from The Sagar School in India said that the experience helped her become “more confident” while learning “the importance of teamwork, responsibility, and self-discipline”.

For many, RSIS marked a turning point in self-expression and belonging. Daglas from Starehe Boys' Centre & School in Kenya shared that the experience helped him “open up and communicate freely with others”. Across all responses, students highlighted friendships, cultural exchange, and perspective as the most lasting outcomes, with every

shaping students in ways that stay with them long after the project ends.

[Read all the reflections here](#)



## Encourage Students to Apply for the RSIS Project to South Africa July 2026

If you are inspired by the students' reflections from our last RSIS Project in India, encourage your 16–18-year-olds to apply for the July 2026 RSIS Project at Tiger Kloof Educational Institution, South Africa. Spaces are still available.

Key Details:

- **Location:** Tiger Kloof, Vryburg, South Africa
- **Dates:** 12–23 July 2026
- **Fee:** £1,300 (not including flights or visas)

help build a sheltered structure, creating a safe space for learning.

The project meets the Gold Residential section of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, offering students an independent, immersive experience focused on service, cultural understanding, and personal development. Participants fly unaccompanied and are supported by the Round Square Project Leadership Team.

Students can apply individually. Find out more information and download resources to help promote the project in your school by clicking on the link below.

[RSIS South Africa July 2026 Resources for RS Coordinators](#)



## Discovering Inventiveness in Round Square Schools

Across the Round Square network, students are applying creativity, problem-solving, and initiative in ways that make a real difference, both in their schools and in the wider world.

collaboration, adaptability, and action.

We explore a variety of inspiring examples of student inventiveness, including:

- **‘Salem vs Lovable’ Hackathon** – students turn ideas into working prototypes through coding and design.
- **‘Happy Trivandrum’** – creative problem-solving in community engagement events.
- King Constantine Medal recipients:
  - **Vivaan Mathur, Genesis Global School, India** – storytelling and environmental action project
  - **Maria Sofia Duque, Colegio Colombo Británico, Colombia** – leading a student committee with innovative approaches.
- **Assam Valley RS Conference 2025, India** – adapting and improvising under pressure to run a Round Square conference.
- **Reflections from RSIS India 2025**

Discovering Inventiveness in Round Square Schools

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## Round Square History Labs

Sign up for the next series of Round Square Study Labs in History.

All labs will run at 4am GMT and 3pm GMT

- 05 Feb 2026
- 12 Feb 2026
- 19 Feb 2026
- 26 Feb 2026
- 05 Mar 2026
- 12 Mar 2026

[www.roundsquare.org/hub-page/rs-study-labs](http://www.roundsquare.org/hub-page/rs-study-labs)

## Register for upcoming RS History Labs

Round Square History Labs connect students across countries through the collaborative exploration of key historical topics, events, and figures. Each Lab invites students to analyse and share case study examples of the topic using a 360-degree approach – considering multiple perspectives, contested narratives, and an AI-generated overview of the topic.

The goal of the Lab is to deepen students' understanding of the complexities of historical events within a peer-to-peer learning environment that emphasises global perspectives, evidence-based analysis, and critical awareness of potential bias in AI-generated content. This encourages students to engage with diverse viewpoints and develop a more nuanced understanding of key historical topics.

On each date there are two time options: one at 4am GMT and one at 3pm GMT. You can sign up for either call. The topics are:

- **12 Feb 2026:** War and Peace - Whose Story Do We remember?
- **19 Feb 2026:** Empires and Resistance
- **26 Feb 2026:** Civil Rights and Revolutions
- **5 Mar 2026:** Should Statues Fall?
- **12 Mar 2026:** Justice Through History - What is Fair?

We make the time conversion for the 4am GMT calls to be 8am in Dubai and Yerevan, 9am in Karachi, 9:30am in Delhi, 11am in Bangkok, 12pm in Hong Kong, 1pm in Tokyo, 3pm in Sydney and 5pm in Auckland. But please check for your own location.

We make the time conversion for the 3pm GMT calls to be 7am in Los Angeles, 8am in Calgary, 9am in Mexico City, 10am in Bogota, Lima, Toronto and New York, 12pm in Santiago and 3pm in London, Belfast and Marrakech, 4pm in Berlin and Stockholm, 6pm in Nairobi. But please check for your own location. *Please note times will be one hour later in Los Angeles, Calgary, Toronto and New York on 12 March 2026.*

[Register for RS History Labs](#)

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**Register for upcoming RS Zoom Postcards**

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## Join RS Zoom Postcard from Miles Bronson Residential School in India on 4 February.

Miles Bronson Residential School in India invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**Diversity in Resources and Culture: Understanding Where We Come From**".

The 60-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 4 February at 5pm IST** (GMT +5:30) which we make to be 8:30am in Buenos Aires and Santiago, 11:30am in London, 12:30pm in Madrid and Copenhagen, 1:30pm in Johannesburg and Athens, 2:30pm in Nairobi, 3:30pm in Dubai and Muscat, and 4:30pm in Karachi. But please double check this for your own location.

Before the call, our hosts ask participants to upload [HERE](#) an image that reflects the diversity of resources or culture in your community, and answer: What actions, big or small, are people taking to preserve and celebrate where we come from?

Please register before 29 January.

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

Register before 29 January

## DIGITAL DETOX



### Join RS Zoom Postcard from The Hyderabad Public School in India on 4 February.

The Hyderabad Public School in India invites you to register up to six students aged 9-11 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme “Digital Detox”.

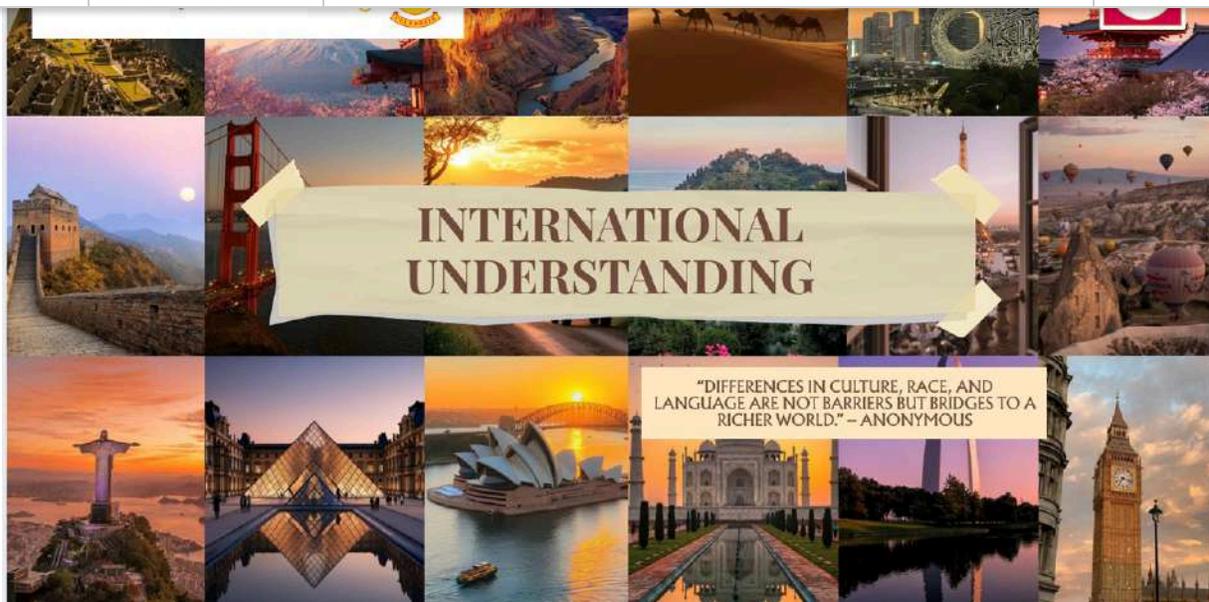
**The 60-minute call will take place on Wednesday 4 February at 6pm IST (GMT +5:30)** which we make to be 9:30am in Buenos Aires and Santiago, 12:30pm in London, 1:30pm in Zurich and Brussels, 2:30pm in Johannesburg and Athens, 3:30pm in Nairobi, 4:30pm in Dubai and Muscat, and 5:30pm in Karachi. But please double check this for your own location.

Before the call students are asked to upload [HERE](#) a single slide per school on alternatives to using screens and what can we potentially do in during a screen free time.

Register by 29 January.

[Download and Share with colleagues.](#)

Register before 29 January



## Join RS Zoom Postcard from Dainfern College in South Africa on 11 February.

Dainfern College invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**Shared Humanity**".

The 90-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 11 February at 4:30pm SAST** (GMT +2) which we make to be 9:30am in Nassau and Richmond, 11:30am in São Paulo, 2:30pm in London and Accra, 3:30pm in Madrid, Marrakech and Zurich, 4:30pm in Windhoek, 6:30pm in Yerevan, and 8pm in Delhi. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to submit a photo of themselves holding a clearly written word that represents what international understanding means to them and upload it [HERE](#).

Please register by 5 February.

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

Register before 5 February



### Join RS Zoom Postcard from The Athenian School in USA on 11 February.

The Athenian School invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "Entering the Age of AI: How Should Schools Respond?".

The 60-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 11 February at 8am PST** (GMT -8) which we make to be 8am in Vancouver, 9am in Salt Lake City, 10am in Mexico City and San Pedro Sula, 11am in Miami, Nassau, and Bogotá, 1pm in São Paulo, 4pm in London and Lisbon, 5pm in Madrid and Brussels, and 6pm in Johannesburg. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to think about the following questions: Do you think AI literacy should be incorporated into your own school's curriculum? How do you think this might look? How is your school effectively integrating AI—and what are the challenges? How can students use AI responsibly while still practicing their own critical thinking and problem-solving skills?

Please register by 5 February.

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

Register before 5 February

Please click on the links below to register and / or to download and share more details of these RS Zoom postcards with any colleagues who might be interested.

**Dhirubhai Ambani International School, India**

18 February, 5:30pm IST | Ages 11-13

***The Flip Side of Fairy Tales: Rewriting the Narrative***

[Take part: Register by 12 February](#)

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

**Sunbeam School Lahartara, India**

18 February, 4pm IST | Ages 13-15

***Leadership: Where the Mind is Without Fear***

[Take part: Register by 12 February](#)

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

**Thomas More College, South Africa**

25 February, 5pm SAST | Ages 16-18

***Leadership: Where the Mind is Without Fear***

[Take part: Register by 19 February](#)

**NEGS, Australia**

25 February, 11am AEDT | Ages 13-15

***Exploring School Culture Together***

[Take part: Register by 19 February](#)

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## Host a RS Zoom Postcard or Study Lab in 2026

Hosting a Round Square Zoom Postcard or Study Lab is more than just leading a session, it's a chance for students to grow as confident, globally-minded leaders. Students who have hosted in previous years report real benefits, including:

- **Presenting Skills:** sharing ideas clearly and engagingly with an international audience.

- **Leadership:** guiding activities and Baraza breakout discussions.
- **New Perspectives:** gaining insight into multiple cultural and historical interpretations.

If you would be interested in hosting either a RS Zoom Postcard or a RS Study Lab in 2026, please complete either of the short forms below. *Please note Language Labs should be hosted by native speakers.*

Host a RS Zoom Postcard in 2026

Host a RS Study Lab in 2026

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## Thank you to our recent RS Zoom Postcard Hosts

### **Inventure Academy, India - Theme: *AI: Friend or Foe***

The highly engaging session was an invitation to explore the theme “AI: Friend or Foe,” reflecting strong student interest with 150 participants from 26 schools across Canada, Colombia, India, France, South Africa, the UAE, the UK, and the USA. The session focused on the growing tension between digital comfort and real human connections, prompting thoughtful student discussions in breakout rooms.

During the plenary participants emphasized the importance of using AI as a tool to support learning and creativity, rather than as a replacement for human interaction. The hosts closed the meeting with a powerful call to action, reminding everyone that as AI becomes more present in our lives, we carry a responsibility to stay human and to ensure technology expands our world rather than shrinking it.

A big thank you to baraza leaders Sanchita, Nakul, Adhvik, Rehan, Aakriti, Yavisht, Mishika, Rehan, Sarthak, Shyman, Pranoy, Shlok, Vivaan, Arnav, Mihira, and Saanika.

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Under the topic of “Melting Pots and Mosaics of Culture”, the session brought together 90 participants from 16 schools in Armenia, China, Germany, India, Pakistan, South Africa, and the UAE to explore how multicultural systems function and to share the challenges and opportunities of today's global community. Here are some ideas shared by participants during the final plenary:

“Multicultural systems grow and change by being open minded,” Abhishri, GEMS Modern Academy, UAE.

“Co-existence can be a tension at times but it can also be harmonious if we intend it,” Trashneem, The British Co- Ed High School, India.

A big thank you to baraza leaders Brynne, Griffin, Mariana, Alexandra, Walker, Olivia, Samaria, Cooper and Iziar.



## RS Heroes of Discovery: Inventive Idris Resources

Discover resources to spark conversations about Inventive Idris and fostering inventiveness in your school, including session plans, hero cards, and templates for Story Cubes, Heroes of Invention, and Ideas That Changed the World.

[Inventive Idris Resources](#)

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## Join a Round Square school's Collaboration

our network. All arrangements for participating and technical hosting of any live events listed below are made and managed by the school that has initiated the collaboration. Please check with the school listed for further information. [See all Collaborations.](#)

- **Malvern St James School** in the UK invites Secondary students to join “[Geopolitical Perspectives](#)” to identify and understand alternative perspectives on geopolitical problems from around the world. Schools should register their interest to participate any time before 30 January 2026.
- **Genesis Global School** in India invites Primary Years to join “[Living Around the World - Our Planet, Our People](#)” to help young learners understand the rich diversity of our global community. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 30 January 2026.
- **Trivandrum International School** in India invites Early and Primary Years students to participate in [Stories Around the World](#). Schools should register interest to participate by 16 February 2026.
- **LGS Stoneygate** in the UK invites Primary Years students to join [What Do You Love Most About Reading](#) to find out what others love about reading. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 3 March 2026.
- **Evangelical Christian School** in the USA invites Early Years and Primary Years to join the [Worldwide Jump-A-Long Challenge](#) to get 500 students to become ‘tenacious jumpers’. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 3 March 2026.
- **Starehe Boys’ Centre and School** in Kenya, invites Secondary students to join its [Summer Program](#) featuring leadership workshops, debates and community service, and adventure activities in July-August 2026. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 23 March 2026.
- **Oxley College** in New South Wales, Australia, invites Early Years and Primary Years to join its ongoing [Pen Pal Project](#) to build intercultural understanding through literacy activities. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 March 2026.
- **Gimnasio Campestre** in Colombia invites Middle and Secondary Years students who wish to share and build their knowledge of research processes to join [XXV Student](#)

- **Interactive European School (DES)** in Greece invites Primary and Middle Years students who speak, or are learning, Spanish, French, or German to join [Find a Global Pen Pal!](#) This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 10 June 2026.
- **British Junior Academy of Brussels (BJAB)** in Belgium invites Secondary Years students to develop observational drawing skills by joining [Still Life KS3](#). This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 10 June 2026.
- **Bloom KCCA Academy** in Hong Kong invites students of all ages to participate in [Care, Think, Act: School Community](#). This collaboration is ongoing and schools are welcome to join any time before 30 June 2026.

If your school would like to host a collaboration, please log onto the Round Square web site, and post the details [here](#).

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