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Persuade the students in your year level to elect you as their leader.

The actions of a great leader inspire others to do more, dream more, think more and become more. The leader who inspired me to offer my services as student representative of my year level is Margaret Thatcher. A middle class woman from ~~the~~ England, Thatcher was the daughter of a green grocer and a dressmaker. She was not beautiful, wealthy, talented or even particularly intelligent. However, through determination, hard work and a commitment to public service Thatcher went on to become the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom and the longest serving British prime minister of the 20th century. Anyone can talk the talk, but a truly great leader must be able to walk the walk as well, which means working tirelessly to make the dreams you have for the community you lead into a reality.

Emulate this philosophy in my leadership,

I intend to



Like Thatcher, I am

not beautiful, wealthy, talented or highly

intelligent. My ability lies in my resourcefulness, tenacity, determination and work ethic. A great leader does not have to be an honours student or a musical protégée or an outstanding athlete. A great leader should be totally committed to serving their community by representing the people who have elected them as leader and striving to meet the needs of those people with humility, grace, cheerfulness and a refusal to give up until they achieve what it is that they set out to do. I am not applying for this position in pursuit of public glory. I simply ask for the opportunity to serve and represent my year level and to do so would be a very great honour.