**‘The World We Wish to Live In’ – Speechwriting for Marcus Rashford**

What is the world I want to live in? The answer is quite simple. A world where every child feels comfort and security. A world where children and their parents aren’t dreading the coming week, and how they might feed their family.

There are countless completely controllable factors, such as poverty and lack of education, which are preventing children from achieving all their potential. Kids are benched before even being given the opportunity to succeed in life. And recently, as a result of new government policies, it’s become even harder for families across the UK to stay afloat.

Hungry kids can’t study. Hungry kids can’t focus. Hungry kids can’t run as fast as they can during P.E, or ace an exam. But somehow, they’re then expected to break out of a cycle they were forced into. If no one helps them, it simply continues. Without my Mum working every day to keep me fed, to keep me strong and healthy, I wouldn’t have been able to achieve all I have. My mum is my hero. But not everyone has a hero.

The power that this room holds is extraordinary. Lives could be transformed, and futures could be forged, with one seemingly small decision made here. We have a responsibility to our future generation. Time is running out for some kids, but we can flip the script and help them during halftime. Like I was, there are millions of kids just waiting for their potential to be unleashed. They just need a little boost, from you.

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