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Dear parents of S4 students,

We are the coordinators of this new program and would like to introduce you to this interesting and new project of the ESM.

Following a decision in Brussels, all European Schools are called upon to implement a project called “Citizenship Action for All Program” (CAAP).

The idea is to give our pupils social skills and in-depth insights into life situations that are unfamiliar and foster their personal development.

This programme will allow greater integration of our students in their local community. The work placement programme in S5 will be continued.

In consultation with representatives of the various stakeholders, it has been agreed to introduce a compulsory one-week “social internship” in S4 during the project week before the Easter vacation from this school year onwards. In concrete terms, this means that during this week, your child will spend around 6 hours a day completing an internship in an institution that they should choose themselves and with which they will conclude an internship agreement (legally and insurance-wise, of course, just like any school internship).

The search for an internship should begin promptly and be completed before the Christmas holiday on 20th December. We ask you to decide with your child whether an activity makes sense in terms of the goals of the CAAP. It seems important to us that helping those in need should be central. It is also important that this programme should not focus on administrative or organizational skills, but rather on working with people. Examples would be day care centers for children, nursing homes for the elderly (e.g. to read stories), care services in day care centers (e.g. the elderly service centers), “Tafel” offers, animal shelters, sports clubs (if the time frame can be fulfilled in these).

We support your search by publishing links to addresses on teams (in S4 Careers Guidance). This might also inspire you to come up with further ideas. Here you will also find the certificates to be handed in to the internship organisation and these should be printed out given to your child at the presentation. You will also find these in the team shortly.

We also offer team meetings on at least two evenings where you can contact us with any questions you may have. The first meeting is Wednesday 16 October from 16:15 in the Careers Guidance teams. You will have the opportunity to log in with your child's account. The second meeting will be on Wednesday 27 November, also from 16:15.

An important component of this program is that students reflect about their experiences. This will take place as part of religion and morals lessons: possible forms of reflection will be discussed in advance and worked on afterwards. These will also be included in the grading as a B grade in these subjects.

We are looking forward to this great opportunity to broaden our students' horizons.

Yours sincerely,

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