

The CAS PROJECT

CAS Projects at Tamagawa Academy

learning about the project through inquiry

Q: What is the difference between a CAS Project and a normal CAS Activity?

A: Like all Tamagawa accepted CAS activities, the Project must be meaningful - meaningful to you personally, but in the case of the Project, meaningful in a larger context. The project is your chance to connect with a global issue of importance, or to make the adage 'think globally, act locally' a reality.

Your project may be concerned with such issues as education, poverty, discrimination, health -- so you may organize on-going, free English lessons for children, plan, fundraise and donate goods to an orphanage, raise awareness on discrimination or a global health issue in an on-going project.

Q. Are there any special time requirements or other considerations?

A: A main focus in a Project is that you combine more than one strand of CAS, so creativity with service or action with creativity, or choose a project that incorporates all three.

Although there is no set time limit, the CAS guide encourages that all projects be of 'significant duration'. As the project is a special part of your CAS requirement, you should devote adequate time and preparation into fully completing a Project. As the name implies, a project is **not** a one-off event.

Q. Do I create a CAS Project alone?

A: Absolutely not! In fact, one important aspect of the CAS Project is the chance to collaborate with others in order to create a project that is mutually meaningful and authentic. You should create a CAS Project with one or more of your classmates.

Q. What are some examples of Tamagawa CAS Projects?

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---Soap Making to sell as a fundraiser: Combining creativity and service, the girls also developed a project that played into their mutual interest of science with soap-making.

---- OCC (Operation Christmas Child): Christmas collection for an orphanage. The group organized a year in advance, researching orphanages, planning their fundraiser, and ultimately sending out Christmas presents the December of their 12th grade year. Creativity and Service.

---Kindergarten Fun: Students planned a series of Fun Days for a local kindergarten, teaching music, leading physical activities and games, and teaching English. Creativity, Action, and Service.

There are endless possibilities for authentic collaborations for CAS Projects.