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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We have been made aware of a unique opportunity to support students from Brazil through the South Eastern Regional College.

SERC is working with a consortium of UK colleges to host up to 20 students from Brazil from January – April 2025 for 12 weeks. The students will be 16-18 years of age and are coming to UK to improve their English language skills. The students will study at SERC and stay with a host family so that they can immerse themselves in the English language and NI/Irish culture. The students will be vetted and receive a bursary from the Brazilian government to travel to UK.

They are now seeking individuals/families that are willing to host 1 or 2 students whilst they are in the UK (if you can host 2 students then they must have their own bedroom). You will receive £200 per week to include bed, breakfast, evening meal, lunch at the weekend and bank holidays. No additional costs should be incurred. SERC staff will be providing 24-hour pastoral/emergency support to the students and will be your main contact throughout. A full and detailed brief will be provided prior to the students' arrival including their academic/cultural itinerary.

This is an initial enquiry to determine interest so if you are interested in hosting 1 or 2 students then **please reply to Elaine McKeown: emckeown@serc.ac.uk**. There is no obligation at this stage.

Please note: It is a legal requirement in UK for people over the age of 18 working with children to be AccessNI checked [AccessNI criminal record checks | nidirect](#). If anyone in your household is over 18 years of age and does not currently hold an AccessNI certificate they will have to go through the process and all costs will be reimbursed.

Yours sincerely,

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