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## EDUCATION

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**The Koc School**, Istanbul, Turkey

September 2010 – June 2023

Primary School: 2011-2015

Middle School: 2015-2019

High School: 2019-2023

**Current cumulative GPA:** 95.21

Awarded with the Academic High Honors Award every year consecutively

Enrolled in the **International Baccalaureate Program (IB)** with the Turkish National Diploma (MEB)

**HL:** Psychology, Mathematics (AA), Economics

**SL:** Biology, English, Turkish Language and Literature

**English Language and Literature Extended Essay:** How does Sylvia Plath, in her novel The Bell Jar, utilize authorial choices to portray a protagonist struggling with mental health and sense of self in an anti-feminist society?

## EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant to Ph.D. Study at Bogazici University**

Summer 2022

- Contributed to the thesis study of Ph.D. Student Ceyda Sinag about 'Dynamics of Trend-Setting Online'
- Interviewed American Gen Z consumers as a part of the research during the Columbia University Summer Immersion Program and connected visual cues' interpretations with social psychology theories

**Office Assistant, Orjin Group Real Estate Development**

August 2022

- Attended leasing meetings with tenants for the Istinye Park Mall and participated in field visits
- Co-planned marketing activities to build consumer demand for the mall

**Event Assistant, Team Marketing & Events**

January – February 2022

- Helped preparations for the Gulf Insurance Agency Meeting including creating presentations for potential customers
- Collected offers from the hotels, artists, and transfer companies
- Prepared comparative tables and price offers and arranged flight tickets to event location

**Project Intern, Norm Consulting**

August – September 2021

- Took part in the project "Technical Assistance for Migration and International Protection Matters: Promoting Public Awareness"
- Prepared the invitee lists, assisted in the design process of the invitations, stage, backdrops, and the agenda of the conference
- Performed quality checks for the promotional materials

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

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**Columbia University: Summer Immersion for High School Students**

2022 Summer, 3 Weeks

New York City, USA

- Took "The Science of Psychology" course, did research on and learned about topics such as (but not limited to) Dehumanization, Empathy, and Neuroscience, which allowed me to learn about the aspects of psychology that are not covered by the IB Diploma
- Did a presentation on previous research into the relationship between discrimination and nicotine use (vaping), and conducted research on prejudice along with xenophobia

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**Bocconi University: Summer School for High School Students (Online)** 2021 Summer, 2 weeks

- Took “European Union for Sustainable Globalization” and “Digital Marketing” labs/courses
- Learned more about international politics, economics, and globalization before starting the IB
- Did presentations to esteemed professors and students of the Bocconi University (EU for Sustainable Globalization) and presented ideas on improving marketing towards Gen-Z to Faber Castell Italy (Digital Marketing)

**Kadir Has University: Winter program/school (Online)** 2021 Winter, 2 weeks

- Took “Psychology in Life and as a Profession” and “Architecture and Design: Practices where Effective Living, Societal Responsibility, and Esthetics Meet” courses to define my interests
- Became a better writer and learned technical details about architecture and psychology
- Further developed my knowledge in architecture by making mask models using geometric shapes

**Sabanci University: Winter program/school (Online)** 2021 Winter, 2 weeks

- Took Sociology and Industrial Engineering courses to define my interests while improving my analysis and problem-solving skills
- Learned to be more perceptive when viewing the world and modern-day problems

**Koc University: High School Summer Academy (Online)** 2020 Summer, 3 weeks

- Took “Psychology”, “Economics”, “Art Appreciation” and “Photography” courses and became aware of my interest in psychology and economics
- Took exams testing my knowledge, took various photos of abstract concepts, and wrote papers on works of art from various periods

## **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

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**Class President** September 2022 – June 2023

- Became an active communicator between my class and the school’s administration office regarding topics such as social activities and exam schedules

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**Koc Psychology Club Magazine** February 2022 – Present  
**Editor-in-Chief**

- Write articles on psychological phenomena for the magazine and edit articles provided to us by students
- Attend lectures on psychological concepts and expand my knowledge of the cognitive mind

**Boyut (School Literature Magazine)** September 2021 - Present  
**Writer**

- Create content, mainly poems, on various themes such as “harmony/conformity”
- Participate in theme selection for issues

**Koç PPE Club** September 2021 - Present

- Attend lectures on politics and economics, as well as discussions on philosophical and ethical concepts and engage in discussions on human dilemmas and philosophical propositions
- Write articles for the magazine

**TAWA (School Newspaper)** November 2020 - Present  
**Writer**

- Write about challenging issues such as women’s rights, sustainability, development, and love
- Participate in the creation of interactive content such as surveys

**WSC (World Scholar’s Cup)** November 2017 - Present

- Participated in debates, essay competitions, tests and team challenges against different schools from around the world, allowing me to work on my writing, analytical, team-working skills and network with foreign students

- Among many other rankings, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Team Writing and was awarded the silver medal for Scholar's Challenge History Section in The Hague Global Round, and ranked 6<sup>th</sup> place in Istanbul Regional Round in 2019 and 9<sup>th</sup> place for Top Champion Scholars 3 in Izmir Regional Round in 2017 among roughly 2500 competitors

Poem "Yarinin Basamaklari" Published in Sisli Terakki School's Poetry Competition Book Jun 2021

SGAN (School Musical): Dancer and vocalist September 2019 - March 2020

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Member of Goodwill Ambassadors Club September 2020 – Present

- Came up with various projects to help fight against education inequality in Turkey
- Worked as a group and improved team-working skills while becoming a better problem-solver
- Started a campaign as a club and raised money for the education of 4 children
- Attended marathons to create awareness about education inequality

Young Guru Academy (YGA) November 2017 – August 2020

- Participated in various camps, raised money for those who did not have sufficient opportunities to receive equal education
- Came up with innovative ideas on improving the smart canes "WeWalk", produced ideas and products to help spread science to people in Anatolia and Syrian immigrants
- Started a donation campaign and raised enough money to purchase 4-5 YGA "Science Sets"
- Provided those sets to children in Turkey who were unable to receive a quality education, and gave them virtual lessons on how to use the sets as part of the YGA Science Initiative in 2020

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

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- Turkish: Native
- English: Advanced/Fluent (C1)
- German: Intermediate
- Piano: Royal Academy Piano Grade 1 & 2 Certificate