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EDUCATION

The Koc School, Istanbul, Turkey

September 2010 – June 2023

Primary School: 2011-2015

Middle School: 2015-2019

High School: 2019-2023

Grade 12

Anticipated Graduation 2023

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

Extended Essay Subject: English

Current cumulative GPA: 94.44

EXPERIENCE

Office Assistant, Orjin Group Real Estate Development

August 2022

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

Research Assistance to PhD Study at Bogazici University

Summer 2022

- Contributed to the thesis study of PhD 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

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
- Observed hiring processes in firms

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Columbia University, New York City, USA, Summer Immersion for High School Students

2022 Summer, 3 Weeks

Took "The Science of Psychology" course to pursue a passion for Psychology even outside of school. 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 which 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.

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 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, Istanbul, Turkey, 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 while becoming deeply invested in Psychology. 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.

Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey, 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. Became more perceptive when viewing the world and modern-day problems.

Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, 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. Became more knowledgeable, analytical and determined.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic High Honors Award 9th, 10th, and 11th grades as well as middle school and primary school.
Awarded to GPA of 85/100 or higher.

Received Special Honors Award in 2016.

Awards Received out of School:

- Participated in Sisli Terakki’s poetry competition and had the poem published in the book “Sozcuklerle Dans 21. Siir Festivali” created by the host school.
- **World Scholar’s Cup**
Global and Tournament of Champions Rounds had around 2500 participants
 - Tournament of Champions Qualifier (at Yale University)
 - The Hague Global Round 2019 Team Writing: 2nd place (trophy)
 - The Hague Global Round 2019 Writing Champions: 19th place
 - The Hague Global Round 2019 Team Debate: 61st place
 - The Hague Global Round 2019 Debate Champions: 108th place
 - The Hague Global Round 2019 Scholar’s Challenge History Section: Silver Medal
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Team Writing: 6th place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Writing Champions: 18th place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Team Challenge: 20th place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Team Debate: 23rd place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Champion Team Countdown: 24th place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Team Bowl: 31st place
 - İstanbul Regional Round 2019 Debate Champions: 112th place
 - Tournament of Champions Round 2018 Team Writing: 112th place
 - Barcelona Global Round 2018 Team Writing: 93rd place
 - Barcelona Global Round 2018 Team Bowl: 125th place
 - Dubai I Regional Round 2018 Top Writing Teams: 11th place
 - Dubai I Regional Round 2018 Team Bowl: 51st place
 - Dubai I Regional Round 2018 Writing Champions: 53rd place
 - İzmir Regional Round 2017 Top Writing Teams: 11th place

- İzmir Regional Round 2017 Top Champion Team Countdown: 14th place
- İzmir Regional Round 2017 Team Bowl: 18th place
- İzmir Regional Round 2017 Writing Champions: 20th place
- İzmir Regional Round 2017 Top Debate Teams: 26th place
- İzmir Regional Round 2017 Top Champion Scholars 3: 9th place
- Goethe Institut A1 Language Certificate
- Royal Academy Piano Grade 1 & 2 Certificate
- My artwork was selected for Sevgi Gönül Art Night in 5th Grade

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Koc Psychology Club Magazine Editor-in-Chief

February 2022 - Present

- 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

- Did debate
- Improved my writing skills through the essay part of the competition
- Improved my analytical skills through the test part of the competition
- Improved my team-working skills
- Learned about different cultures and met new people
- Stayed for after-school sessions on 6 subjects: Literature, Science, Special Area, History, Social Sciences and Art & Music
- Won various awards

SGAN (School Musical)

September 2019 - March 2020

Dancer and Vocalist

- Stayed after school two times a week
- Prepared for the vocals and the dances

School Choir

September 2016 - September 2018

- Participated in various shows
- Learned about the technicalities that go into the production of music

Destination Imagination

September 2015 - June 2017

- Gained the ability to combine creativity and efficiency
- Did various innovative projects as a group

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of “İyilik Elçileri” Club (previously named “TEGV Elçileri”)

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.

YGA

November 2017 – January 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

- **Turkish:** Native
- **English:** Advanced (C1)
- **German:** Intermediate

ADDITIONAL SKILLS, PASSIONS AND TALENTS

Singing

- Participated in competitions like Koçovizyon and Live@Koç.
- Participated in the school musical.
- Took vocal lessons.
- Participated in the school choir.

Writing

- Editor-in-Chief of the Psychology Magazine.
- Staff writer in the Psychology magazine, Literature magazine, and the school newspaper.
- Participated in a poetry competition, and had the poem published in the book created by the host school (Şişli Terakki).
- Participated in the Harvard GlobalWe Essay competition.

Debating

- Debated in various international and national competitions within WSC.
- Did in-class debates.