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EDUCATION

The Koc School

Sep 2019 – Ongoing

- Grade 12; Anticipated Graduation: 2023
- Enrolled in the **International Baccalaureate Program (IB)** with the Turkish National Diploma (MEB)
- **Current cumulative GPA:** 94.44
- **HL:** Psychology, Mathematics (AA), Economics
- **SL:** Biology, English, Turkish Language and Literature
- **Extended Essay Subject:** English
- Awarded with a Higher Achievement Certificate for consecutive High Honours Certificates

EXPERIENCE

Orjin Group Real Estate Development

Aug 2022

Office Assistant

- 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

Bogazici University

Summer of 2022

Research Assistant

- 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

Team Marketing & Events

Jan – Feb 2022

Event Assistant

- 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: Summer Immersion for High School Students

Summer of 2022

- Took “The Science of Psychology” course and studied topics such as dehumanization, empathy, and neuroscience, allowing me to learn about the aspects of psychology which are not covered by my 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: Summer's Cool for High School Students (Online)

Summer of 2021

- 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)
- Presented ideas on improving marketing towards Gen-Z to Faber Castell Italy (Digital Marketing)

Kadir Has University: Winter School for High School Students (Online)

Winter of 2021

- 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 through making mask models using geometric shapes

Sabancı University: Winter School for High School Students (Online)

Winter of 2021

- 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: High School Summer Academy (Online)

Summer of 2020

- 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 time periods

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Koc High School Psychology Club

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

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 (Koç School Literature Magazine)

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

Writer

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

Koc High School Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) Society

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

- 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 (Koc School Newspaper)

Nov 2020 – Ongoing

Writer

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

The World Scholar’s Cup (WSC)

Nov 2017 – Ongoing

- 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 2nd place for Team Writing in The Hague Global Round and 6th place in Istanbul Regional Round in 2019, and 9th place for Top Champion Scholars 3 in Izmir Regional Round in 2017

Poem “Yarinin Basamakları” Published in Sisli Terakki School’s Poetry Competition Book

Jun 2021

SGAN (School Musical): Dancer and vocalist

Sep 2019 – Mar 2020

Middle School Choir

Sep 2016 – Sep 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of İyilik Elçileri (previously named TEGV Elçileri)

Sep 2020 – Ongoing

- Formulated and organized money-raising activities in groups for children in a fight against education inequality in Turkey and provided for four children through our efforts
- Participated in marathons

Member of Young Guru Academy (YGA)

Nov 2017 – Ongoing

- Participate in various camps and initiatives to raise money for those who lack 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 to Syrian immigrants
- Started a donation campaign and raised enough money to purchase 4-5 YGA “Science Sets”, provided those sets to children in underprivileged areas who were unable to receive quality science education and gave virtual lessons on how to use those sets as part of the YGA Science Initiative in 2020

SKILLS AND HOBBIES

- **Language:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced – C1), German (Intermediate)
- **Interests:** Singing, Writing, Debating, Piano (ABRSM Grade 2)