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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

Awarded the Academic High Honors Award every year

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 a Ph.D. Student about 'Dynamics of Trend-Setting Online' under Professor Supervision
- Collected data, and researched the most common Gen-Z shopping behavior
- 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 meetings with tenants together with lawyers 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 with preparations for the Gulf Insurance Agency Meeting including creating presentations for potential customers
- Collected offers from hotels, artists, and transfer companies
- Prepared comparative tables and price offers and arranged flight tickets to the event location

### Project Intern, Norm Consulting

August – September 2021

- Participated in the project "Technical Assistance for Migration and International Protection Matters: Promoting Public Awareness" and learned about migration management
- Prepared the invitee lists, and 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, allowing me to learn about aspects of psychology not covered by the IB Diploma
- Presented 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)** 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 School for High School Students (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 School for High School Students (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 – Present

- Elected as an active communicator between my class and the school's administration office

**Knowledge-Exchange: Psychology from High School and Beyond** August 2022 – December 2022

- Prepared an introduction to the discipline of psychology, its subdisciplines, its educational tracks and career prospects, and research conduction guidelines for peers interested in pursuing the subject
- Formatted, printed and distributed the research as flyers at my school to increase awareness of these key concepts

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

- Write articles on psychological phenomena, co-decides on the topics of the magazine articles provided by students for the magazine, edit pieces and manage prospective writers for the magazine.
- Attend lectures on psychological concepts and expand self-knowledge of the cognitive mind

**Writer for The Koc School School Literature Magazine ('Boyut')** September 2021 - Present

- Create content, mainly poems, on various themes such as "feminism, discrimination, femicides, and harmony/conformity"
- Participate in theme selection for issues

**The Koc School Politics, Philosophy, Economics (PPE) Club Member** 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

**Writer for The Koc School Newspaper, ('TAWA')** November 2020 - Present

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

### **World Scholar's Cup Member**

November 2017 - Present

- Participate in debates, essay competitions, tests and team challenges against different schools from around the world, allowing to work on 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 'Tomorrow's Steps' ('Yarının Basamakları') Published in Sisli Terakki School's Poetry Competition Book** Jun 2021

**The Koc School Musical (SGAN) Singer & Dancer**

September 2019 – Present

**Tanzer Gumus Music School Singer**

September 2020-Present

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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#### **Volunteer/Intern of Equity-Beyond-Capital Program**

May 2020– Present

- Work with the principal lead at Equity-Beyond-Capital to conceptualize the program's mentorship network and help the program establish funding channels in Turkey, aiming for the empowerment of high school girls in underprivileged areas chosen by the Mohonk Educational & Neuropsychological Foundation

#### **Member of Koc School Goodwill Ambassadors Club**

September 2020 – January 2022

- Came up with various projects to help fight against education inequality in Turkey
- Started a fund-raising campaign as a club and raised 34,660 TRY (app. 4000 USD at the time) for one year of education of 5 children.
- Attended marathons to create awareness about education inequality.
- Worked as a group and improved team-working skills while becoming a better problem-solver

#### **Member of Young Guru Academy (YGA)**

November 2017 – October 2020

- Started a donation campaign and raised 3.000 TRY (app. 600 USD) to purchase 12 YGA "Science Sets"
- Provided those sets to children in Turkey who were unable to receive a quality education, and gave 4 of them virtual lessons on how to use the sets as part of the YGA Science Initiative in 2020
- Participated in various camps, and worked with the disabled in various projects.
- 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

### **LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

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- Turkish: Native
- English: Advanced/Fluent (C1)
- German: Intermediate
- Vocalist
- Tennis Player
- Writing