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EDUCATION

Senior | [Buca Isilay Saygin Guzel Sanatlar Lisesi](#) (Fine Arts High School) Sep 2021 – Ongoing
Izmir, Turkey Anticipated Graduation Date: Jun 2025

- Gained entry through an arts talent exam
- **Art Coursework:** Drawing, Graphic Design, Fundamentals of Art, Art History, 2D Art, Aesthetics, Traditional Turkish Miniature, Traditional Turkish Marbling, 3D Art, Contemporary Art History, Museum Training and more
- **Other Coursework:** Mathematics, English, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Philosophy, and more



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Knowledge Exchange: Get Back in SYNC With Nature Winter 2025

- Prepared an informational poster on the topic of applying biomimicry in life and introduced crucial information provided by the nonprofit organisation [Biomimicry Institute](#) with the aim of inspiring peers

[BTK Akademi](#): Self-Paced Online Courses for Art Career Preparation Winter 2025

- Joined BTK Akademi, a learning platform organized by the Turkish Information and Communication Technologies Authority, to expand my professional skillset and earn certificates in important practical areas
- Earned certificates for [Animation With Adobe Animate and After Effects](#) and [Drawing Technique Fundamentals](#)
- Currently take courses on [Principles of Visual Design](#), [Effective Communication Techniques](#), [Stress Management and Mindfulness](#), [Setting Career Goals](#), [Digital Literacy](#), [Effective LinkedIn Profile Creation](#)



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & CERTIFICATES

[Buca Isilay Saygin Fine Arts High School Graduate Sketchbook Contest](#) Winter 2025

- Ranked 3rd with an above 100-page sketchbook for entry to contest in Spring-Summer 2025

[UN Sustainable Development Goals – Made Simple](#) Winter 2025
Online Certificate Program by UDEMY

- Completed an introductory program about the 17 sustainable development goals drafted by the UN
- Familiarized myself with how local and national governments can implement these goals and the close relations among goals that make it possible to work towards multiple of them at once within a project

School Exhibitions 2022 – 2024

- Joined the “Literature Street” March 2024 performance where as groups we chose classic Turkish literary works and got in costume as the characters to play out scenes from the source material live for attendees at the school; acted as Ali Bey, the main character from Namik Kemal’s “Intibah”
- Painted for the “History Street” exhibits in grades 9 and 10; researched and represented traditional nomadic Turkic tents called “yurt”s in pencil for the 2022 exhibit about Middle Asian history, studied older traditional paintings of Ottoman women to paint one in oil on canvas for the 2023 exhibit on Ottoman history

- Completed three weeks of an intermediate-level English Second Language Program and visited important cultural sites in London such as Buckingham Palace and the British Museum to learn more about historical art



SKILLS AND HOBBIES

- **Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)
- **Art:** Turkish traditional art techniques miniature & marbling (beginner), photography
Character animation in 3D (beginner), perspective & observational drawing
- **Sports:** Diving, basketball, swimming
- **Hobbies:** Playing guitar, piano, and drums, long walks in nature, listening to music, reading