




# MELEK ONAY

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## EDUCATION

### Senior | Izmir Private Turk College – Bahattin Tatis Campus

Sep 2020 – Ongoing

Izmir, Turkey

Anticipated Graduation: July 2024

Follow the Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB) curriculum in the Turkish-Mathematics cluster set to earn an Anatolian High School Diploma

**Relevant Coursework:** English, Turkish Language and Literature, Visual Arts/Music, Ceramics, Philosophy, Mathematics, Geography, Psychology

**Distinctions:** High Honors Certificates in multiple grades

Followed the school's "Preparation for the Fine Arts" program; studied pencil and charcoal drawing, and participated in designing and creating stage props for school activities and performances



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Iris Portfolio Studio

2022 – Ongoing

- Practice using traditional art media such as watercolours, charcoal, clay and ink to work on my portfolio
- Creating eclectic pieces that showcase multiple painting materials and techniques in both 2D and 3D

### **Pianist**

2011 – Ongoing

- Take private classes and practice privately for 12 years in piano
- Passed the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Piano Performance Test Grade 5 with distinction scoring 137 out of 150 in August 2022 and was awarded 18 credits at British NQF Level 2
- Performed at the first Instruments Festival "Whispers of Instruments" organized by Aydin Yuksel Yalova Fine Arts High School in April 2022
- Attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Pera Piano Festival in May 2019

### **TAKEV High School's 15<sup>th</sup> Short Movie Competition**

Apr 2023

- Directed and shot a short movie adapting scenes from the Turkish classic novel Ask-i Memnu for the competition with peers to enter the short movie competition organised by TAKEV School for their 15<sup>th</sup> Culture and Arts Festival and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among participant schools from all over Izmir

### **Izmir International Polyphonic Choirs Festival**

May 2022 & Apr 2023

- Performed at the festival as part of the school choir
- Won acclaim as a choir for intonation, homogeneity and choir timbre/resonance in 2022

## Modern Dance Course

**Jul 2022**

- Finished and passed the performance for a 512-hour modern dance course taught by professional dancers and instructors, and won a certification from the Turkish Ministry of Education for Grade 4 Advanced level (highest possible for the course)
- Learned modern dance techniques with proper warm-ups and cool-downs, stagecraft theory including how to utilize costuming, décor, lighting and other important aspects of a performance
- Practiced both choreographies for the stage and improvisational dances with a final dance project

## EGEDEN Children and Trauma Foundation “Resilient Children” Exhibition

**Feb 2017**



## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### Ege Contemporary Education Foundation (ECEV)

**Jun 2023**

- Volunteered for ECEV’s “If One Child Reads, Thousands of Futures Are Improved” project as a musician and artist; designed flyers for the concert to aid in advertisements and played the piano at a fundraiser concert with other volunteer musicians

### Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation and Oncology Hospital (KITVAK)

**Jul 2019**

- Volunteered at the Foundation for Establishing and Developing Bone Marrow Transplantation and Oncology Hospital (KITVAK) formed by the Pediatric Oncology Department of Ege University Medical School at their patient guesthouses for children in treatment and their families
- Assisted in the care of the child patients and socialized with them to boost morale a few hours a day by painting and playing games with them, reading and singing for them and more
- Donated painting and reading materials for the facility after the volunteering period



## **SKILLS AND HOBBIES**

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| • Turkish (Native)   | • Piano ( <u>ABRSM</u> Grade 5) | • Watercolours |
| • English (Advanced) | • Flute (4 years)               | • Charcoal     |
| • French (Beginner)  | • Choir singer                  | • Clay         |