

# ISIKKENT SCHOOL PROFILE 2021 - 2022

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## **School and Community**

Founded in 1998, Isikkent School is a K-12, independent, national, co-ed, day and boarding school which strives to create an international and multi-cultural environment under the auspices of Cimentas Health and Education Foundation with a mission to educate aspiring global citizens.

Isikkent School provides a well-rounded education with a balance of the academic, sporting and artistic domains.

Isikkent School emphasizes the "value-added" concept with student-oriented learning, building on each individual's spheres of talent.

Officially accredited by the IB for PYP, MYP and DP, Isikkent School is the only institution offering these programs in the Aegean area and one of the 8 schools in Turkey.

#### Vision

To be a pioneering school that builds bridges between people and cultures through experiential learning.

#### **Mission**

Işıkkent School develops international minded, effective multi-lingual communicators and reflective,

self-confident, principled individuals by offering an innovative, research and inquiry-based education through combining the national curriculum with international programs.

# **Philosophy**

The educational experience at Isikkent is student centered, ensuring that students experience continual intellectual, social—emotional, and physical development within a safe psychological and physical environment.

The student experience is based on continuous assessment of current understanding and research-based educational



approaches that develop critical thinking skills and view the student as an active reflective participant in their own learning process.

The Isikkent teacher is a facilitator and promoter of learning as well as a designer and implementer of student-centered activities.

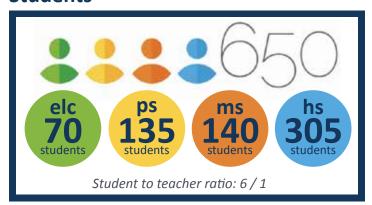
The teacher develops a nurturing relationship with the students, reinforced by the school support system, to ensure student intellectual, social-emotional and physical development. Teachers model life-long learning through regular professional development and professional reading and discussion.

It is through this repeated pattern of assessment, teaching and learning, and support that develops our students into lifelong learners.

#### **Enrollment**

A limited number of students are admitted to the high school each year, on the basis of their achievement in the highly competitive national exam taken by over 1,000,000 students, as well as their performance in a consequent interview with academic staff and school counselor.

#### **Students**

















## **Faculty**



#### Curriculum

High School is a 1+4-year (Prep Class + Grade 9 to 12) Anatolian High School. Students enter Grade 9 only if they pass the English Placement Test at the beginning of their high school education. Students with limited or lower English level are placed in the Prep Program for a year. After a year of intensive English preparation, students follow a common core curriculum in Grade 9 and 10 within the IB-MYP program. From Grade 11 onwards, the curriculum becomes more specific based on the choice of four diploma tracks; Science/Math, Turkish/Math, possible Turkish/Social Sciences, and IB-DP. All students in the Science-Math and Turkish-Math tracks follow an advanced mathematics curriculum consisting of Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. Students in the IB-DP program follow the IB-DP curriculum.

At Isikkent, the first foreign language is English whereas the students have the opportunity to study a second foreign language such as French or Spanish after they finish Grade 4.

All students at Isikkent follow the PYP - Primary Years Program (ranging from Age 3 to Grade 4) and MYP - Middle Year Program (ranging from Grade 5 to Grade10). They receive their PYP Certificates at the end of Grade 4 completing the PYP Exhibition and in Grade 10; they obtain the MYP Certificates on completion of the MYP Personal Project.

Students who choose DP (Diploma Program) in Grade 11 and 12, gain the internationally recognized Diploma in addition to their Turkish National Diploma upon completing the internal assessments and external IB exams. Students who choose the National Curriculum (MEB) take the national university entrance exam to continue their higher education.

The IBDP Diploma and The National Curriculum (MEB) Diploma are both internationally recognized documents and valid for university entrance.

Opportunities for personal development and leadership expand in the Middle School and High School through the extensive community service (MYP-Service as Action and DP-CAS), after school programs, personal projects, arts and sports activities.

# **Grading**

Students receive grades at the end of each semester and the final year grade is the average of the two semesters' grades. GPA's are weighted and they are calculated by multiplying the exam grades by the number of course hours of each subject.

The passing mark is 50%.

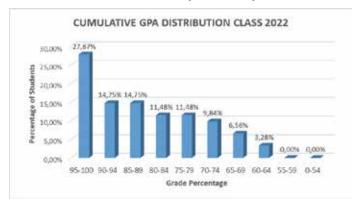
"Certificate of Honors" is obtained by a weighted aver- age of 85%. "Certificate of Appreciation" is obtained by a weighted average of 70%.

Isikkent does not report rank. GPA is calculated by weighting each subject based on its hour of study per week.

The grading corresponds to;

100-85	5-High Honors	Excellent
84-70	4-Honors	Very good
69-60	3	Average
<i>59-50</i>	2	Poor
49-0	1	Failing

The chart below demonstrates the cumulative GPA 9-10-11 distribution of the class of 2022



The chart below is the grade distribution for the junior year (11th grade) of our present 12th grade students.

Class of 2021	100-85			84-70		69-60		59-50			49-0			Total Students				
Tracks	Ti	T2	T3	TI	TZ	T3	Ti	T2	T3	Ti	T2	T3	Ti	T2	T3	Ti	T2	T3
Biology	16		- 5	3		-1	2					1.	1			22	0	- 7
Physics	13		7	7			1			1						2.2	0	- 7
Chemistry	15		- 3	7		1			-1							22	0	- 5
Mathematics	14	4	10	6	-6	4	1	3	4	1	7	1				22	20	19
Geography		11			8			1								0	20	- 0
English Literature&Linguistics	12	6	19	6	6		4	4			4					22	20	19
Turkish Literature&Linguistics	12	3	14	5	7	4	3	5		2	5				1	22	20	19
Second Foreign Language	13	5	17	8	6	2	1	2			6			1		22	20	19
Turkish History	12	10	18	- 6	8	-1	3	1		1	1					22	20	19
Philosophy	16	- 8	18	3	10	-1	3	2								22	20	19
Psychology		6			12			2								-0	20	-0.
Visual Arts/Music	21	18	19	1	1.			1								22	20	19
Religion	22	20	19													22	20	19
Physical Education	22	19	19					1								22	20	19

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## **After School Programs**

Isikkent students are actively involved in a wide variety of After School Programs, covering a range of activities in the fields of sports, fine arts, science & technology, community service, personal development and academic support. The most popular clubs are Model United Nations (MUN), Theater (English and Turkish), Destination Imagination, Junior Achievement, Swimming, Basketball and Volleyball many of which give the students the chance to compete nationally and internationally.

Performing arts include drama, poetry, folklore and dance, the pop music band and the classical music orchestra. Visual arts clubs include pottery, puppet making, graphic and design.

After School Programs are supported by the school's facilities situated in 14,000 square meters of green area, a 550-seat amphitheater and a 450-seat conference hall. The school has excellent sports facilities, including a heated indoor semi-Olympic size swimming pool, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor basketball, volleyball complexes and a tennis court.

## **Community Service**

Community Service has an integral part in the fulfilment of the school's mission at Isikkent. Students can choose to participate in Interact or the C&S Committee to take part in various projects or directly consult the Vice-Principal to start an independent project.

Işıkkent has involved in various individual projects, all initiated by students, from building libraries in village schools and organizing campaigns to donate wheelchairs for the disabled or hand-made rag dolls to the Turkish Psychological Association to pioneering the "Isikkent Forest" as part of their eco-school project. Grade 9 and 10 students are also required to meet the curriculum requirements of the Service as Action prescribed by the IB MYP Programme. In Grades 11 and 12 IB DP students are actively engaged into the CAS activity required by the IBDP Programme.

#### COVID-19

Due to the uncertainties caused by COVID-19, the aim of IEK is to plan its educational activities for the 2021-2022 academic year in the way it matches the students' needs and contributes to their whole development. We anticipate the possibilities, take necessary precautions, eliminate the risks and ensure that the aims and objectives of IEK are achieved by considering different scenarios of the learning and teaching processes.

At the beginning of 2021-22 academic year, education on campus started face to face.



# 2009-2021 University Placements



## **UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR 2009-2021**

Isikkent 2009-2021 graduates have received acceptances from the institutions listed below (Matriculations are in bold.)

## Academy of Art, San Francisco Adelphi University American University (2) Babson College 4 Bard College **Barry University** Bentley University

**Boston University (2) Brown University (2) Bryant University** California College of the Arts California State University **Chapman University** Clark University Columbia College

Columbia University (1) Concordia University of Wisconsin **Drexel University Duke University (1)** 

Emerson College **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (1) Emory University Endicott College** Fairfield University

Florida Institute of Technology Florida Southern College Fordham University (1) George Mason University George Washington University

Hannover College Hofstra University

Jacksonville University James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Johnson and Wales University

Lynn University (1) Loyola Marymount University (1)

Los Angeles City College Marist College

Georgia Institute of Technology

Maryland Ins. College of Art

MassArt College Michigan State University

**New York University** 

Northeastern University (1) Northwestern University

Old Dominion University (1) Pace University

Parsons, The New School (3) Pennsylvania State University (1)

Pratt Institute (1) **Purdue University (2)** 

Ringling College of Art and Design Queens University of Charlotte Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University Salve Regina University

San Diego State University Santa Monica College (2)

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Arts (1)

Southern Florida College Southern Methodist University Stanford University

**Suffolk University** SUNY - University at Buffalo Syracuse University (1)

Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts

**Tufts University (1) Tulane University** UC Berkeley (1)

**UC Los Angeles** University of Chicago

Uc San Diego UC Santa Cruz

University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

University of Louisville (1) University of Massachusetts

University of Miami (2)

University of Miami (2)

University of Michigan University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill University of North Carolina - Wilmington

University of Pennsylvania University of Rochester

University of Tampa

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute University of Southern California University of South Florida Webster University

**Anglia Ruskin University** AA, School of Architecture **Bournemouth University Brunel University London (1)** 

**Cardiff University** 

City University of London (4) **Coventry University** 

DeMonfort University **Durham University** 

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East 15 Acting School

Goldsmiths, University of London

**Hult Business School** 

INTO City, University of London Kaplan International College

King's College London (5) Kingston University

Leeds Beckett University (1)

Leeds Art University London College of Fashion (1)

London Metropolitan University

**London South Bank University (1)** 

Loughborough University

Manchester Metropolitan University (1)

Marangoni Institute (3) Middlesex University

Oxford Brookes University (7) **Plymouth University** 

Regent's, University of London

Royal Holloway, University of London (7)

Queen Mary, University of London

Queen's University

SOAS

University of the Arts London, Central Saint Martins

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Brighton

University of Bristol

**University College London (1)** 

University of East Anglia

University of East London

University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter

University of Essex

University of Greenwich

University of Glasgow

University of Kent

University of Law, Business School

University of Leeds University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Nottingham (6) University of Northampton

University of Portsmouth

University of Reading

University of Roehampton University of Salford (1)

**University of Sheffield (2)** 

**University of Southampton (1)** 

**University of St Andrews (1)** University of Sterling (1)

University of Surrey (1)

University of Sussex University of the Arts London (1)

University of York University of Warwick University of West England

**University of Westminster (2)** 

Alberta University **Brock University** 

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Carleton University Concordia University (2)

Dalhousie University (1)

Emily Carr, University of Art and Design (1)

George Brown College (1) McGill University (3)

McMaster University (1)

OCAD

Queen's University

Ryerson University (4)

Saint Mary's Seneca College

Simon Fraser University

Trent University
University of British Columbia (1)

University of Alberta University of Guelph

University of Manitoba (1) **University of Toronto (6)** 

University of Toronto, Rotman Commerce (1)

University of Waterloo University of Western Ontario

Vancouver Island University York University (3)

Western University Wilfred Laurier University Windsor University

**Bocconi University (7)** Cattolica University (14) Instituto Europeo di Design (5) Istituto Marangoni (4)

**NABA (7)** 

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Polytechnic University of Milan (1)

Polytechnic University of Torino (5) San Raffaele University (1)

Torvergata, University of Rome

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

**DELFT University (1)** 

**Eindhoven University of Technology (1)** 

Erasmus University (1)

Fonty's University of Applied Sciences Han, University of Applied Sciences Hanze, University of Applied Sciences HU, University of Applied Sciences

University of Groningen **Utrecht University** 

Leiden University (2)

Maastricht University (3)

Radboud University (1)

Tilburg University (1)

University of Amsterdam

University of Twente (1) Vrije University (1)

City University of Hong Kong, HK

Debrecen University, Hungary (2) **DTU Technical University of Denmark (1)** 

Duke Kunshan University, China

**ESADE Business School** 

Freshman Programme of RWTH Aachen University, Germany (1) FHWS, Germany (3)

Hong Kong University of Science and Tech. IE University, Spain (1)

~ International University of Catalonia, Spain (1)

IDC Herzliya, Israel (1) Macquarie University, Australia

Parson's Paris, France (1)

Prague College (1)

Sydney Ins of Business and Technology, Australia

Tel Aviv University, Israel (2)

University American College, Skopje, Macedonia (1)

University of Latvia, Riga

Université Lumière Lyon 2, France (1)

University of Tartu, Estonia (2)

University of Tech, Sydney, Australia

University of Warsaw, Poland (1) Victoria University, Australia (3)

Yale NUS College, Singapore (1)