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STUDENT'S GUIDE BOOK

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE FIRST STEP



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Our educational institution, which adapts the philosophy of life-long education, continues this notion in university life. With enterprise of Abdülkadir Gayretli who is the founder of Gökkuşığı Education Institution and chairman of the board of trustees, İstanbul Gelişim University continues its activities with its strong academic staff and understanding of education since 2008.

7 COLORS OF KNOWLEDGE

As Gökkuşığı College, we prepare our students by handling the knowledge that constitutes the foundation of education with universal values and also with the educational program that includes meaning of every color of rainbow.

WHO WE ARE?

Welcome to Gökkuşığı Family dating its back 21 years and getting rich by including new colors day by day.

From the moment you stepped into the Gökkuşığı College, more than a school will meet you because we are a huge family who cares happiness and success before everything.

We host many students in local and international contexts. We ensure that they are successful, happy and realize their potential for each students with beautiful and fun activities throughout the year. We believe that students who grow in an environment equipped with many facilities will be able to succeed in the academic sense.

For this reason, our primary goal is to educate students who are open to new ideas in our school who are active in social activities and who can think about different aspects.

As a Gökkuşığı Family, it is a pride and joy for us to work with our student with these equipments.

We are happy to start a new education year with all of you. We know that after entering this gate, you will be an integral part of the Gökkuşığı College and you will have these adventure with us for many years.

We wish to have a nice year together. Again, welcome to our school.

IB-PYP PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

Preparing students to be active participants in a lifelong journey of learning...

The curriculum of Gökkuşığı Primary School is based on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP).

We provide an outstanding education in a nurturing environment, inspiring every student to achieve their full potential and excel in IBPYP.

We are fully authorised IB World School to offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP)

The PYP is an international curriculum framework for students between the ages of 3 and 12 years. It is a transdisciplinary programme focusing on the total growth of the developing child, touching hearts as well as minds and encompassing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic welfare.

The IB Primary Years Programme

- addresses students' academic, social and emotional well-being
- encourages students to develop independence and to take responsibility for their own learning
- supports students' efforts to gain understanding of the world and to function comfortably within it
- helps students establish personal values as a foundation upon which international-mindedness will develop and flourish.

The PYP places an inquiry based learning at the heart of the learning process. Children are encouraged to develop, through the learning process, those attributes and traits that will enable them to become expert learners.

The PYP curriculum model is built from a framework of transdisciplinary themes that help teachers and students to explore and acquire essential knowledge and skills and to take socially responsible action.

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. IB learners strive to become Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. These attributes represent a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond intellectual development and academic success.

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OUR ACADEMIC CALENDAR

On the table below, there are the dates of the beginning, the end of the semester, and holidays throughout the school year.

The First Day of the School	17 September 2018
Republic Day(1/2 day holiday)	29 October 2018
New Year(1 day holiday)	1 January 2019
Mid-term break	18 January-3 February 2019
National Sovereignty and Children's Day(1 day holiday)	23 April 2019
Labor and Solidarity Day(1 day holiday)	1 May 2019
Eid al-Fitr(3 days holiday)	5-6-7 June 2019
The End of The Semester	14 June 2019

EDUCATIONS PROGRAMMES

Searching for new ways in education..

Cambridge Assessment

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

In 2013-2014 education year, after auditing the preparatory work; the competence of the teaching staff, the teachers' professional development opportunities, sufficiency of library resources, sufficiency of laboratories, such as the preparation of the school's international mindse by the authorities of Cambridge International Examinations, Cambridge International Examinations gave "Cambridge International School" title to our school and authorized to Cambridge Assessment International Education curriculum implementation. This education of Cambridge Assesment International Education department of Cambridge University is offered by the university in more than 10000 schools in 160 countries of the worldand it stands for EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Schools all over the world want to be in the IB World School by making efforts to get approval to present one or several of the IB programs to their students. IB schools successfully completes an intensive and globally consistent process to deliver an extraordinary IB education. The approval process of International Baccalaureate is a challenging, rewarding and valuable educational success for the school and school community. Benefits of approval continue after the completion of the process, and each school equips it with a roadmap for sustainable success. As a consequence of this process, wherever the IB School is located in the world, families and students are extremely confident in their education. In May of 2015, by winning stats of IB (international baccalaureate) World School among the world's distinguished schools, Gökkuşığı College continues its educational journey at a high level with sure steps.

STEM LAB

Stem refers to intensive education in the fields of Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Stem education in all age groups include (from school pre-training, to post-doctoral training) formal and informal education. Supporters of STEM studies states that engineering education must be introduced at an earlier age, even in elementary school, because engineering education has to be further expanded by participating in other fields.

BEING GÖKKUŞAĞI COLLEGIAN: STUDENT LIFE

When you pass by the Gökkuşığı College, you can hear the sounds of amused children. Because being a Gökkuşığı College student is indeed a privilege, with many opportunities for children, happiness and success-oriented education and good social, cultural and sporting activities.

With the school which starts morning hours with pace, the children are almost as active as the school's little caretakers until the evening. They involve in a variety of activities that support their psycho-social development as well as their academic and academically based activities and achievements.

Our students perform sports activities in the sports hall during weekly lessons and academies, say the most beautiful songs in the musical workshop, draw beautiful paintings in visual arts workshops, they prepare national and international competitions in the STEM laboratories. They are working in chemistry, physics and biology laboratories in parallel with their academic activities. Little scientists are growing here. They eat their meals everyday at the same time as a whole class. Maybe they throw away the sweet fatigue of the day while sitting on grass and chatting or running in the park.

Since the students stepped into the Gökkuşığı College, they become a guest in a big world that will bring them happiness and success.

SCHOOL RULES

1- Come to school in time. Lessons starts at 9.00 am and exit at 16.30.

2-Students follow the rules of the school dress code. Girl students must wear pink lacoste collar t-shirt and dark blue canvas trousers; Boy students must wear blue lacoste collar t-shirt and darkblue canvas trousers. School badge must be seen on their T-shirts.

3- Be carefull while your playing in the breaks.

At the table below there is a time schedule of primary school students' lunch breaks:

First Graders	11.35
Second Graders	11.45
Third Graders	11.50
Fourth Graders	11.55

OUR FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR PYP CANDIDATE SCHOOLS

In Gökkuşığı College as PYP candidate school, our students create basic agreements in their classes instead of rules. Basic agreements are regarded as a promise to the student, to himself, to his friends, and to his teachers. Children perceive and behave according to how they should behave in the environment they are in. The basic agreements are also different because each class has different needs and desires. Our school has an atmosphere of democratic respect for children's rights. In this atmosphere, children are free, open-minded, and able to make their own decisions.

GUIDANCE

Within our education system; guidance services are of great importance for students, parents and teachers. In the context of guidance services, personal, educational and professional services are carried out. While preventing many problems with preventive work, also individual recognition techniques help the individual to identify himself / herself and to introduce himself / herself to the environment positively. Within working with classroom guidance teachers and parents, our guidance service, which takes an active part in facilitating the transition of students to the next step, supports students in this context by using educational, personal-social and vocational guidance in an appropriate form for the students. Also by using the effective communication tools such as panel, school web page, school magazine, etc. provides Psychological Counseling and Guidance services become widespread. They support individual and group interviews with students in the framework of ethical rules to ensure that all students, beginning with the school, feel comfortable and secure.

Our guidance service works to increase the academic achievement of the students and to gain the skills such as determining the aim, effective use of time and efficient course work. They cooperate with class/branch teacher to support learning styles of students. It strengthens awareness about anger, anxiety, violence and bullying and strengthens coping skills. It raises awareness about technology dependency (internet, telephone, computer games, television etc.) and makes preventive studies. When necessary, it directs the student to the health institutions. It implements intervention programs to reduce examination anxiety.

“Guidance is an integral and complementary part of education”

Tips To Make First Days Easier

Inform your child in advance about school.

Help your child prepare their clothes and bag for the next day in the evening.

Take care to ensure that your child's sleeping hours are regular.

If your child begins to feel uneasy about when you have left him, remind him that you will feel good and that everything will be fine. You can say that other friends in the class can experience similar feelings and the teacher is looking forward to him.

If your child cries when you separated, with a clear tone of attitude you can say he/she will feel better over time.

By staying calm you will give your child confidence. Anxiety is contagious between parent and child. The child will look at you to understand how worried you are when he/she is concerned and bored; when he sees you are worried he will think he's right in fear.

Do not keep the farewell period long. If you wait in front of the class, your child will be more worried and will extend the adjustment process.

Plan to leave the reading to those who can leave your child more easily rather than a person who is particularly difficult to leave.

Ensure that the child is absolutely at the school unless there is an important reason.

Give clear information about how to return home and who will meet him at home when the school is over. Especially worried children may not want to go to school with the thought that someone can not meet him at home.

Our Activities

Eco-School

It is a program implemented to give environmental awareness, environmental management and sustainable development education. Here students learn about environmental issues. They also take an active role in raising awareness of their families and local governments on environmental issues. Our school has received a green flag with ECO-school projects.

Art Activities

Art activities aim are to improve productivity, small muscle development and aesthetic sensitivity. The main target is not result, the target goal is what kind of methods we used. We provide our students with enough time, comfortable environment, age, level of development and individual privileges to make their creativity better.

Sportive Activities

In Gökkuşığı Sports Coordination (GSK) studies as Gökkuşığı College, students develop their rough motor skills and fine motor skills by using branches that are based on movement and physical activity in their contents, so that simple and complex studies are done between

the branches to achieve the highest level development in student's skills and psycho- social development is also aimed to contribute.

Foreign Language Studies

We are graduating our 4th year students from elementary school in the European Language Framework program A2, (Flyers according to Cambridge English). Our "International Cambridge Primary School" certified education offers Dual Language Education through Cambridge programs. This program, which integrates with the curricula of MEB, offers students an international assessment and evaluation system. Cambridge Primary develops students' English, English Science and English Mathematics skills and contributes greatly to language learning.

Students take two hour English lesson in a day and take 2 hours of Spanish lessons per week. The English lessons focus on equally developing four skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening). Courses are conducted with local and foreign teachers. Foreign teachers work on conversation or other skills according to the needs of students.

Academic Studies

We provide an individual student coaching and advisor teaching system to the students preparing for the exams. We provide permanent learning by doing-living with field lessons that are processed with creative drama technique. We work with specialist psychological counselors in the field and special studies for students and parents.

Club Activities

In the clubs such as drama, theater and debate, the studies and the activities that are done increases the communication skills of the students both in the mother tongue and in the foreign language. They learn what teamwork is and how to express themselves and learn.

Academies According to Ability

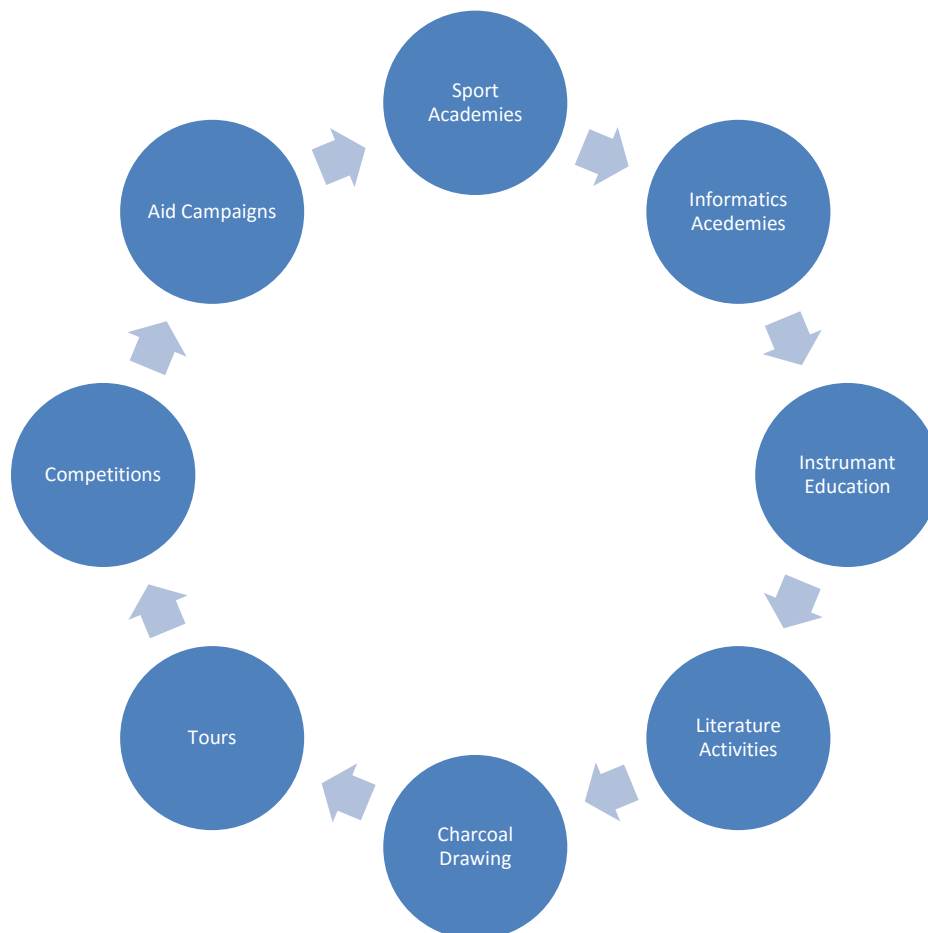
In Gökkuşığı College, the abilities of the students in our school are determined and directed to the exact academies. Guitar, piano, violin, swimming, dancing and so on. Therefore, with these workshops, our students are both entertained, discover and develop their skills.

Social Responsibility Projects

We support a variety of social responsibility projects that we have started as a school and a variety of schools and institutions that need support. Examples from our projects:

- We regularly organize visits to Bahçelievler Istanbul Rest Home every week under the social responsibility project 'Every Seasons Organization for Learning with the Elders'
- We donated to the association 'Can you be my Heart?' (For the children's heart diseases) we have achieved by selling healthy heart-shaped cookies in the framework of 'Love Cookies' social responsibility Project for the children's heart disease.
- We donated the income we obtained from the cinema tickets that we sold for the movie titled 'Temple Grandin' we watched after the presentation that we made together with our students within the framework of 'Otizmin Awareness' social responsibility project 'Tohum Autism Foundation'.

Social Activities



These are our activities, if you want to join one of these you just have to go to your guide teacher Ghada MOUNIS and tell her.

SCHOOL SURROUNDINGS

Our school is located in Bahçeşehir and our students can use minibuses to spend their spare time at Lake Park which is located in twenty minutes distance to here. For shopping, they can also use minibuses to go Akbatı Shopping Center which is at twenty minutes distance.

They can also go Bahçeşehir Culture Center for participating cultural and social activities which is near Lake Park.

The closest bus stop is Hoşdere Kavşağı and at the below, there are lists of busses which pass from that stop:

142	BOĞAZKÖY - AVCILAR METROBÜS	>
142A	BOĞAZKÖY - AVCILAR METROBÜS	>
144A	DELİKLİKAYA / ÖMERLİ KIPTAŞ - ...	>
144M	DELİKLİKAYA/BAHÇEŞEHİR-MAH...	>

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