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GKV Launches 24/7 English Online



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My name is Eva-Maria Baumgartner. I am from Munich in South Germany [Bavaria]. I am in my last year at Würzburg University in the department for primary school teaching and special education. For this school year, to be precise from 15th of September until the 15th of June, I am a Comenius language assistant at GKV. It is a program financially supported by the EU and organized by both German and Turkish National agencies.

The aim of the program is to have two-way benefits and intercultural experiences for all participants. I will learn about the Turkish language, culture, people and customs in this country, as well as about how school works here. But I am also trying to teach students at school about Germany and European life more. I am assisting language teachers, both in English and German, in their lessons and as my Turkish will hopefully improve during the time I spend here, I can take more responsibility and maybe start some intercultural projects. It is a great opportunity for me to gain practical experience in teaching and most importantly to increase my cultural and intercultural knowledge.

24/7 Teen Talk English is a comprehensive online ELT courseware provided by Young Digital Planet which is a world-leading educational software publisher, e-learning technology and interactive content developer.

It helps students to acquire basic understanding and command of the English language through all language skills, interactive lesson warm-ups, speech analysis system and progress control.

GKV started using this software program last year, and this year the system has been further expanded as new labs have been set up, enabling each student to benefit more fully from the program.



Leadership Program in America

My dreams came true... Last summer I went to America. I attended a USA Leadership Program and it was a great opportunity to learn lots of new things and have different experiences.



First of all, it was really a good chance to improve my English. I heard many different accents because there were over 80 teenagers from different countries. I had to speak English all the time for two weeks. Also I had lots of new friends from many countries. Most of them were American and the others were Mexican, English and Irish. I learned about other cultures. For example, one of my roommates was from Mexico so she taught me Mexican dances. And they wondered about my country so I gave them a presentation about Turkey there.

We had lessons and speeches about different issues in the mornings, after that we did enjoyable activities. I had a chance to try canoeing, cricket and traditional dances. We played games together before going to bed. It was all fun!

I had great experiences in the USA. Those days are the best days I've ever had. I really enjoyed my time there.

*The roots of education are bitter,
but the fruit is sweet.*

Aristotle



GKV Students in England for Summer School

GKV primary and high school students spent three weeks in England in July 2010. Primary students and their English teacher Didem Korkmaz were at Winchester, Sparsholt College. The high school students and their English teacher Özlem Cenkciemenoglu were in Goldsmith, Goldsmith College.

All GKV students had a great opportunity to combine study and pleasure in one of the best accredited courses. There were Italian, Spanish, Greek, Israeli and Turkish groups. They made so many friends from different countries. They did lots of activities during the course. Our students participated in all the games based on speaking and acting. They did well in these games and won a cup! Unfortunately they had no chance to bring it to Turkey because of the Heathrow sanctions. They completed their Residential English Course successfully.



Just Like a Dream

Hello. My name is Erşan Günenç. I am in year 11 at Gaziantep College Foundation Private High Schools. Last year, on 21st November, a number of students at GKV had the opportunity to enter the two part exam held by the Lions Club. I was one of the lucky students who passed the International Youth Exchange exam and won a chance to go abroad. At first, I was rather worried and scared as I had never been abroad before. Travelling to Denmark alone was a life-changing experience for me. I had a great time in Denmark. Our camp leader, Joy was a professional chef and other Lions members did a lot of things for us. They were always willing to help us and joined in some of our activities. Now I have a lot of friends from different countries. I had the opportunity to learn about their culture and traditions. As well, we took part in many exciting activities. I tried canoeing, camping and biking. We also went on a boat trip on a canal. Sometimes, we had barbecues and played games at night.

My host family was really friendly and helpful. So I spent a wonderful time with them. They were so kind to me. They had a horse and they taught me how to ride, and they also taught me to be friendly with horses. It was a marvellous time. Participating in an international camp and learning about different cultures at close hand were great experience for me. I wish I could do it again. I would really like to express my thanks to GKV and the Lions Club of Gaziantep.

Erşan GÜNENÇ F11/A

Lions Clubs International
Lions Club Korsør

We Serve



Korsør, 23rd August 2010

To whom it may concern

Erşan Günenç participation in Lions Club Korsør, Denmark Youth Exchange Camp 2010

It is with great pleasure I can recommend Erşan Günenç for future Camps in the Lions Youth Exchange program or as Camp assistant in any Turkish Camp.

During our Camp Erşan Günenç has participated fully and with great commitment in our 2 week programme covering as different activities as hiking, canoeing, excursions to various factories for windmill, hydrogen as well as a lot of tourist activities to learn about Denmark.

With the purpose of informing the other Camp participants about Turkey Erşan Günenç together with two other Turkish participants made a great presentation including "Fire dance", powerpoint and sweet as well as preparing Turkish dishes for the Midway Party.

Best Regards

Svend Erik Jensen
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Camp Leader

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Lions Youth Club Exchange Programme

I was so happy and excited when I learnt that I would go abroad as an exchange student.



After a long and tiring flight I arrived in Alaska. Phil, my host, came and took me. At his house there were three guests, Rasmus from Denmark, Frederick from Belgium and me.

We became close friends in a short time. Phil was very kind and caring. We went hiking and fishing. When we were hiking, he taught us how to collect gold. And I collected 3 grams of gold. We stayed with him for two weeks.

There I represented Turkish culture, and cuisine. I cooked manti for them and they liked it very much. I also played the piano and sang Turkish songs and made a presentation introducing Atatürk's principles and reforms so they got information about our hero. In fact, I was elected as the best camper. I felt so proud!

Finally, I can say that these programmes helped me improve my English and develop my self-confidence. And I advise all my friends to participate in these kinds of youth camps and go abroad alone. I am sure that you will learn lots of things.

Önder ÖZDEDE A11/FC

Gaziantep/Nijmegen Exchange Program 2010

As you all probably know, Nijmegen and Gaziantep are sister cities. That's how Gaziantep College Foundation got into contact with Kandinsky College. Both sister schools arranged an exchange program in order to experience another culture.

In May 2010 a group of 10 students and 5 teachers from Kandinsky College paid a visit to Gaziantep College Foundation. The students were hosted by the families of GKV. They had the chance to learn about the culture, and the education as well. At the end of a busy program, our guests left for Holland with a lot of appreciation. Finally, in

September, 2010 it was GKV's turn to pay a return visit to Nijmegen.

In February 2010, our students started corresponding with their partners who would be their hosts during their stay in both there. They were very excited about this partnership because they got the opportunity to learn about their culture. The main goal of our exchange program was to learn about culture, family life and school life in Holland. We got a very good impression of Dutch history, culture and traditions during our visit in October, 2010.

I hope there will be many more visits in the future.

The Best Memory Ever

Last summer I went to a summer course in England with my school. There were 9 people in our group. Going abroad without our families was very exciting for us. After a four hour flight we arrived in London and then we took a bus. Finally we arrived in the best place I have ever seen! WINCHESTER! Our school was wonderful. We were surrounded by nature.

Every day, we attended lessons in the mornings. In the afternoons we took part in activities or went on excursions. There was a competition called "mini Olympics" Each group had a nick name. Ours was "Turkish Delight". We visited a lot of places such as Stonehenge, Salisbury, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Madam Tussauds in London. I loved all of them! After two weeks some of the groups started to leave but, we still had one more week. When they were leaving, we were sad. We took their email address and we are still in touch with them. In the end, we had to return home too. I miss my new friends, my lovely room and my school, but I have some of the best memories I have ever had.

Ayla WATSUJI F9/A



Peace and Friendship

It was one of the best holidays I have ever had. It was like a dream. I would like to say that people have an easy, calm and flexible life in Holland. Their education system is very different from ours. They use more computers than we do. They start school at the age of five. The best part of my eight-day visit in Holland was cycling. There were special bike roads and traffic lights for cyclists and you can really enjoy yourself while you are cycling. Everywhere in Holland is green because of the rain! We went to different cities in Holland, such as Amsterdam, the capital of Holland, Den Haag, where Queen Beatrix lives, and Nijmegen the city where we stayed. We saw a lot of historical places and museums. I think our historical places are older than Holland's. We went to Walibi, theme park. It was the most enjoyable part of our program. Walibi has one of the biggest roller coaster parks in Europe. We really enjoyed ourselves!

Bilge Nur AKTAŞ F10/A

Our Trip to Holland

Our time in Holland was very exciting! When I was there I thought it was great fun. The only language that we could speak was English. On the 6th day of our trip we went to Lahey. In Lahey we visited The Peace Palace. It was quite beautiful. There was something unusual about the palace as it had a special corner with many stones and rocks in the front garden. Every rock belonged to a different country from around the world. Immediately after we had found the one belonging to our country, we took a lot of pictures there.

I wish everyone could get the chance to take part in an Exchange Program.. It gave me the opportunity to learn about other people and their culture. I think that is very important. I would really like to be there again some day.

İrem ORAL F10/A

An Amazing Time

I can't explain my time at summer camp in England better than with this title. It was a very different summer for me and I'm sure that everyone who took part in this programme would say the same thing as me.

This programme was a good chance to visit lots of famous places and also to understand the feelings and ideas of English people. In my opinion, the school I attended was a great school to learn English. I advise you to go to this camp and compare the culture of people from many countries.

Try it and enjoy this marvellous experience yourself!

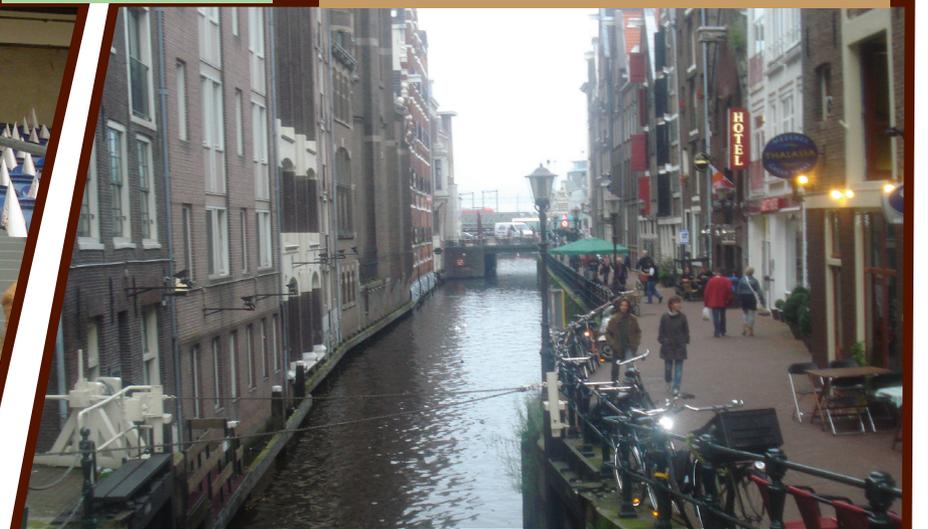
Bihter ARPACIOĞLU F10/A



Our Trip to TURKEY

Review of the exchange program in May 2010 to Gaziantep. "I had never been to Turkey before, so I noticed that many things were different from my life in Holland. I didn't know anything about Turkey so I learned a lot. I learned that Turkey is a beautiful country. Turkish people are very friendly and I felt really welcome at GKV and my host family. Turkish hospitality is just heartwarming. I also remember that food is very important in Turkey. We got so much to eat! The food was very delicious though, so I enjoyed it a lot."

Geke van Haaren - Kandinsky College



Reading and Critical Thinking Skills

On December 4 2010, Sibel Sagner, ELT Teacher Trainer, presented a seminar about 'Reading and Critical Thinking Skills' at GKV.



The aims of reading in classes should be the same as in real life; and students should be able to discuss what they have read. In other words, teachers should foster critical thinking skills while conducting reading classes regardless of the students' level. In this way, we can educate students to become critical thinkers who are both active and open-minded, as well as encouraging students to become

creative problem-solvers who will most probably be successful in their social and academic lives.

Sibel Sagner suggests that teachers follow Bloom's Taxonomy so that the students can gain maximum benefits from their reading hours.

Implementation of New Speaking Activities

To keep up-to-date, GKV English Department has started to introduce a number of new methods which aim to educate autonomous learners. With these methods, students take a more active role in the learning process, rather than simply react to various stimuli of the teacher.

Here are some scenes from English lessons applying the new methods:

In my opinion a Literary Circle is great fun and educational because we do the brainstorming and explain our ideas in English.

Bertan GÖYMEN A9/A



The Literary Circle activity was not easy, but when we finished the activity I felt relaxed because I was able to speak English. Speaking activities are good for us. With these activities, we are getting used to not being afraid of making mistakes while we are talking.

Birce BAYIR A9/A

I am in 5C. My friends and I like Reading lessons. Our teacher Sultan Ulu said 'This year we are going to do an activity called Lit Circle'. She put us in groups. I think it is a good activity and useful because we are learning to do group work and to help each other. And also we read, ask questions and speak English. We love reading lessons and our teacher.

Pelin KAZAZ 5/C



Speaking activities are entertaining. Literary Circle helps us improve our English. We learn how to ask questions.

Başak BAYDAR A9/A

I liked the Fish Bowl activity because it was fun and this activity gave us a great chance to discuss in English.

Elif ATEŞ 7/D

I think the Fish Bowl is a good activity and it is very useful for us. I believe our school is good at English teaching. Our teachers are helpful and patient. We love them. They organize these activities and we have a good time with them. I am really happy that I am in this school.

Ayris KULAKSIZ 7/E



I liked the Fish Bowl activity because I had a lot of fun and I also practiced English. I think we should do this activity once or twice a week.

Azime Ege VİDİNLİ 7/E

We did a Fish Bowl activity. We worked in groups so we helped each other a lot in the brainstorming part. We discussed in English. I liked it.

Deniz ÇETİN 7/E

I think this activity is useful and fun because with this activity we can improve our speaking and develop our self confidence. I would like to do this activity every week.

Büşra ABDULKADİROĞLU 7/B



5th graders are enthusiastically and confidently giving presentations about their favourite singers.



I love the class activities. My favourite part is wearing costumes and acting out.

Nida KADAYIFÇI 5/C



In the kindergarten, English classes are conducted in a student-centered way.

The teachers' aim is to give the kids more active roles in teaching-learning process.

Melis GERÇEK English Teacher



Sultan ULU

*The Head of English
Department*

Robert College - GKV

SWETA Partnership

SWETA (Summer Workshop for Teachers from Anatolia) which aims to provide in-service training for English teachers throughout Turkey working in both state and private schools is a project organized by Robert College, Istanbul. SWETA is hosted by a different school each year, and last year (March 2010) GKV was invited to host a workshop in which fifty teachers from various regions of Turkey participated. This was a special opportunity for these teachers to benefit from hands-on training dealing with the areas of reading and speaking skills which are crucially important in any language-learning process. I was one of these teachers fortunate enough to be able to attend the workshop and feel that I have gained new insights and experience about English language teaching methods.

More recently, from October 23rd -24th, Robert College was the centre for another workshop. This time, I joined the training as an experienced teacher who had enthusiastically applied many of the techniques learned at the previous SWETA, and who wanted to share experiences with the other teachers attending the workshop for the first time.

And there is some great news for teachers who have become interested in SWETA after reading this article! Gaziantep College Foundation Schools have again been given the honour of hosting a further SWETA workshop. Don't miss it! In March 2011.

Stephen Krashen Seminar at Aydın University

We attended a seminar in İstanbul at Aydın University on 23rd October. It was about new trends and innovations in ELT.

The lecturers were Blaine Ray, Gülfem Aslan and Stephen Krashen.

Stephen Krashen is an expert in the field of linguistics, specializing in theories of language acquisition and development. Much of his recent research has involved the study of non-English and bilingual language acquisition. During the

past 20 years, he has published well over 100 books and articles and has been invited to deliver over 300 lectures at universities throughout the United States and Canada.

According to Krashen's theories; comprehensive input should be the basis of our lessons because it improves all the language tasks; writing, reading, listening and speaking.

Özlem ORCAN

English Teacher



The New Student Union Takes Over Responsibilities



On November 3rd, the Student Union election for 2010-2011 academic year took place at GKV.

During the election campaign, all candidates succeeded in awakening interest amongst the students in the Student Union, its work and responsibilities. In the election, students had the choice to vote for specific individuals who were the representatives of different classes- just as they can in governmental elections in many countries. The election resulted in victory for two candidates, one from A11TMB and the other from F11A. After the result was announced by the election committee, one of the elected representatives, the Student Union president, Asuman Par from F11A

thanked her friends for the confidence they have in her and said,

"Thank you for choosing me to be the president of the science classes. I believe that many students have given me their votes because I have tried to think differently from the other candidates, I know what needs to be done and, because of this, I am going to work hard. I have some projects in mind, and with the help of all the students, I hope to see these projects put into place. I am very proud of having this mission, and promise to work hard for the benefit of everyone here at GKV."



Seda SAKINÇ

English Teacher

It has been three years since I started to work as an English teacher.

I have had lots of seminars and workshops in the meantime, but the best experiences I have gained so far are the ones I have with my students during the classes. In fact, I believe that it is a balance between the students and the teacher. The more energy the teacher invests in preparing a visual, kinesthetic and auditorial lesson for all types of students, the better the students progress in their learning of English. At this school, we have the benefits of the latest technology (smart boards and the Clarity Programme), the workshops and seminars that the school management provides for the staff and the chance to work with qualified and experienced teachers. It is exciting to be a part of Gaziantep College Foundation Private Schools!

Together with my colleagues and students, I look forward to having a fruitful year! Let's do our best!

Gonca CAMCIOĞLU

English Teacher



First of all, I am honoured that I am working at such a professional private foundation.

Being a member of this family is a great pleasure for me. When I arrived at GKV on my first day, I came across lots of my former teachers from high school. That was a wonderful coincidence. I felt privileged to be able to have my first teaching experiences together with my former teachers. I believe that as a new teacher I will not only gain experience but I can also share my own experiences. Now this is my second year of teaching and I have taken part in various kinds of ELT seminars. This has given me many advantages, and I have seen that since the beginning of the year I am improving in terms of English, teaching methods and social aspects. GKV always encourages innovation, technology and variety in education. Thanks to this advantage, we often participate in ELT seminars, use smart boards and follow the Clarity programmes by using computers. It shows that every aspect of teaching is important both for GKV and for the teachers.



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7th Chess Tournament

18 – 19 December 2010



GKV hosted the 7th GKV Chess Tournament on December 18-19, 2010. The tournament, which attracted 715 players from across Gaziantep, was a great success with its well organization. A great number of parents and administrators appreciated the hospitality shown by the GKV organization team throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to the tournament winner GKV students:

- İrmak Dai GKV Secondary School Section
- Barış Uğur GKV Primary School Section

Teacher's Day



GKV students celebrated Teacher's Day with a number of activities to honor their teachers for their hard work to educate them. 4th graders presented a

fantastic programme, full of poems and songs, on 24th November which is a very special day for the appreciation of teachers to show their love to them.



Thank You Teacher

I'm happy that you are my teacher.
I'm thankful to you.
As my teacher you are number one.
I admire you.
Thank you teacher.
Happy Teacher's Day.

Your Students

My First Visit to Anitkabir

I was really excited when my father took me to school. I ran to the bus and found my seat. Then, I waved goodbye to my father and our trip started late at night.

We arrived in Ankara early in the morning. It was 29th October, The Republic Day. There were flags everywhere. Our teachers took us to museums, the parliament building and Ankara Castle. We were all excited. It was a rainy day. So, we couldn't go to Anitkabir. We waited until the next day to go to Anitkabir.

The next day, I woke up really early and had breakfast with my friends. Yes! It was the day to go to Anitkabir. I wanted to visit Ataturk. Finally we came to Anitkabir. We had a very nice guide. She told us everything about Anitkabir. I wanted to take photos of every part of Anitkabir. The cars, soldiers, tombs and the Mausoleum of Ataturk were really impressive. I felt closer to Ataturk and his ideas. I have a great respect for him. I didn't want to come back. I wanted to stay there longer and longer. But it was the end of our trip and we left. Thanks to our teachers for taking us to Anitkabir. And thanks to Mustafa Kemal ATATURK for everything he did to save our country...



I hope I can go and visit Ataturk again soon.

Kemal GÜRSEL
7/D

Boys Basketball Team Wins



GKV High School Basketball Team defeated Gaziantep Anatolian High School 70-69 in an exciting game.

29th October

Republic Day
What a happy day has come to us!
Our beautiful school is
Adorned with flags,
On the streets, houses
The red flag waves.
And the whole world recognizes it.
The Twenty-ninth of October is a day of joy
Lets celebrate it!

Berkay GÜLLÜ
7/E



*Education is not preparation for life;
Education is life itself*

*John
DEWEY*



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