



**THE ENGLISH SCHOOL OF KYRENIA**  
*an exceptional school*



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Welcome to The English School of Kyrenia (ESK). Upon arrival, it is clear that there is something very special about this school. The ESK Values (Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Sincerity, and Justice) are engrained in the hallways, and there is a sense of family which vibrates throughout the campus. Students thrive in the open, warm and welcoming environment fostered at ESK. This only reaffirms why we refer to our teachers, students, and parents as our ESK Family.

The campus is tucked away in the beautiful mountains of Bellapais, Kyrenia. The campus consists of the Little Learners (Pre-Nursery), Eco Building (Nursery– Year 2), Lower Main Building (Year 3-Year 6), and Upper Main Building (Year 7-Year 13). ESK thrives to create a setting where students and teachers are well rounded and eager to learn; students aim to succeed academically, in sport, in the creative arts, and in many other programmes such as community outreach.

Enthusiasm and participation through a vast array of programmes and activities allow students to explore, discover and display their ambitions. We pride ourselves in supporting our students' dreams and goals.

We invite you to visit our campus in North Cyprus. A warm welcome awaits you with the opportunity to tour the school and meet our teachers. We hope to see you soon.

**Mr. Hector MacDonald**  
**ESK PRINCIPAL**





## WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH SCHOOL OF KYRENIA

A purpose-built, modern private school, offering exciting opportunities for academic excellence and personal development, for boys and girls aged 2 to 18, in Cyprus.

ESK has been developed through close contact with organisations responsible for some of the leading independent schools in the UK. The result is a state-of-the-art centre for learning which provides students with an international standard of education, comparable with the best schools in the world.

Sitting at the heart of Kyrenia, ESK's vast and leafy campus provides students with an abundance of opportunities to learn, explore and reach their highest potential. A high-quality education, a multi-cultural, global outlook and a strong family ethos result in a truly warm, welcoming and nurturing environment for all who are involved with the school.

An exceptional journey of education awaits.....





*“Academic excellence is the core of ESK’s success. Future global leaders develop in an outstanding educational environment, and thrive in top universities across the world. Cyprus is fortunate to have access to the world-class education ESK offers.”*

**Professor Dorothy Griffiths, OBE, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**



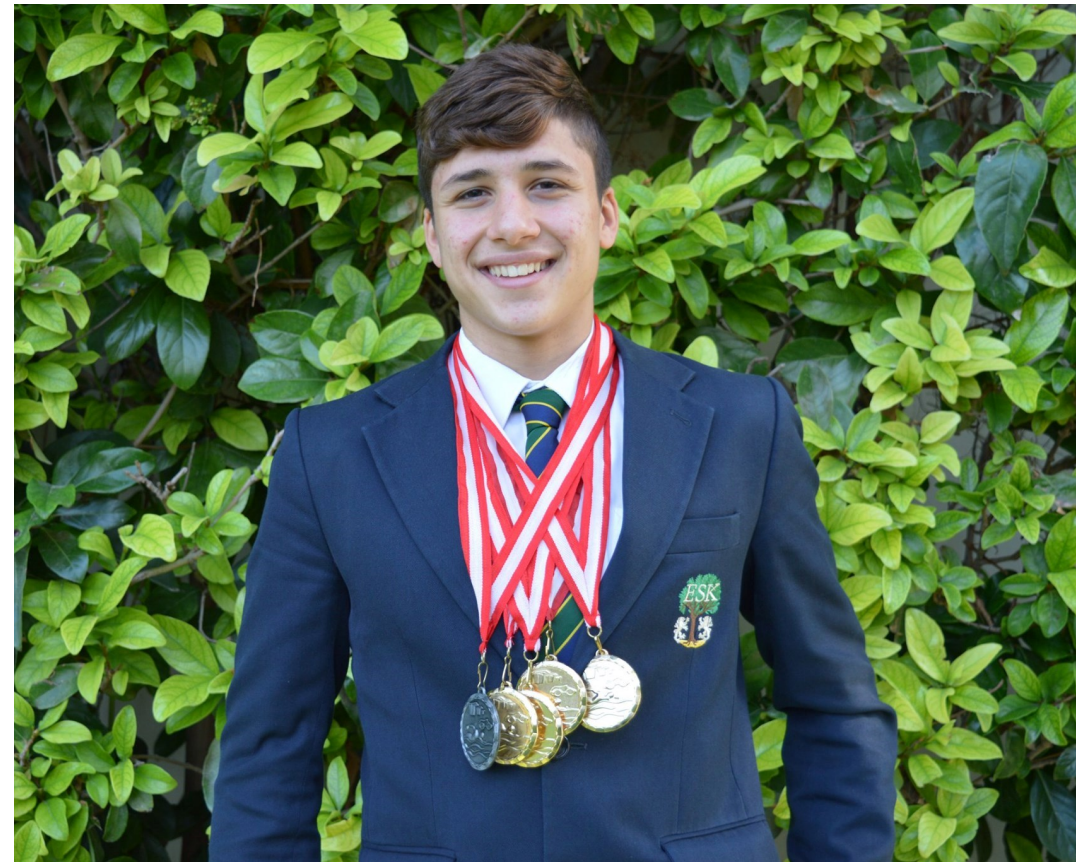


## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ESK fosters a trusting, innovating and inspiring environment for our future leaders to strive in. We offer a strong academic programme based on the UK National Curriculum, delivered in a forward-thinking, inclusive and caring environment. We have highly qualified and professional international teaching staff, and the majority of staff are recruited from the UK.

Classrooms are a space for discovery, inspiration and collaboration. All classes, with the exception of modern foreign language subjects, are taught in English. The widely respected IGCSE, International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP), and A level Programmes give students the opportunity to develop an international perspective. This holistic approach to learning, enriched by our cultural diversity, provides our students with a well-rounded education.

ESK strives to create curious thinkers and compassionate global citizens. Students leave with confidence in themselves and in their potential, fully prepared for their journey ahead.









## THE CREATIVE ARTS

ESK provides the scope for our students to develop skills beyond the academic fields through participation in creative arts. Classes and after-school clubs in Music, Art and Drama help to develop creative talents and encourage imagination and confidence. The creative arts are a vibrant and integral part of life at ESK.

Among the school's facilities are a large art studio, fully-equipped music rooms, drama rooms, and a stage area where regular performances are held for the benefits of both fellow students, and their parents and families. An outdoor amphitheatre is also used for Spring and Summer performances.







*"My son's aim is to study at Harvard University and for us, for him to be able to study at ESK towards this, is a blessing and privilege"*

PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT





*“We are so impressed with ESK’s idealistic approach to education. I am so happy that my child can learn in such a nurturing, world-class environment”*

SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT





## SPORTS

ESK offers a comprehensive sports programme to help students develop skills beyond the classroom, whether it is on the football field, basketball or tennis court or in the dance studio. Teamwork, self-reliance, and confidence can all be fostered through sports programmes at ESK. Our campus provides remarkable sporting facilities. These include an international-standard sports hall, a gym, yoga and dance studio, and outdoor multi-purpose courts.

Our athletes have a diversity of talents, striving for athletic success at National and International level. The ESK community is spirited on campus, whether competing in a team or cheering our Lions from the side-lines. As the ESK family, we take pride in supporting our fellow students. We inspire our students to pursue sport and personal fitness throughout their lives.

***LET'S GO, LIONS!***











## ESK HOUSE SYSTEM

Upon enrolment, each student is assigned to a House. Named after well known cultural representations of the island, the House system allows students from all year groups to come together, taking part in competitions and House events to win the House Cup at the end of the year. Inter-house competitions include sports day, quizzes, dance-offs and academic merit points awarded for class activities.

The House system at ESK helps promote integrity, pride and an inclusive culture. Students work together, building strong relationships and developing teamwork, leadership and communication skills along the way.

Students enjoy feeling part of a community—the ESK family.

*"Being a student at ESK is more than just studying. It makes you feel like you are at home. My favourite thing about ESK is the close relationships that are developed with both the students and the teachers. ESK means family for me."*

**SECONDARY STUDENT**







## **ESK LITTLE LEARNERS**

### **Pre-Nursery School | Age 2**

The Little Learners house is a welcoming, calming and nurturing environment for our very youngest ESK students. Nestled in the hills of Kyrenia with an unobstructed and breath-taking sea view, the school is in the perfect location for our Pre-Nursery students to begin their educational lives.

Designed with soft, earth-inspired tones, it has large window panes which fill the rooms with natural light and sunshine. The open-plan building was created with every detail in mind: there is a yoga and resting room, a special cushioned floor, toilets and washing facilities specifically designed for our youngest students, and a bright and colourful play area. The classroom is a large open space with different work stations that excite our little learners and develop their curiosity. Our Little Learners can also enjoy outdoor learning activities in the outdoor terrace and garden space.

Pre-Nursery is a fundamental stage in a child's development, and our professional and qualified teachers see the visible growth of our students each day. This sanctuary is the perfect environment for our students to learn, develop skills and build confidence from the very beginning of their educational journey.



*“Watching my child’s successful and happy development at  
ESK makes me wish I could go back to school again!”*

**PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT**





## THE ECO BUILDING

### Foundation and Key Stage 1 | Ages 3-6

The Eco Building is a specially designed, purpose-built facility that accommodates our younger pupils from Nursery to Year 2. Welcoming, warm, and bursting with colour, the Early Years building encourages even the most nervous little ones to feel at home and to relax within the light-filled classrooms which surround the central atrium. This huge covered area allows for all-weather outdoor learning opportunities and the spacious classrooms are well equipped with state-of-the-art teaching resources including Interactive Smart Boards.

The UK's Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is taught in Nursery, Reception, and the start of Year 1 classes. This is a vital developmental stage which lays the foundation for all future learning. In Key Stage 1, students follow the Cambridge International Primary curriculum which includes English and Science. Mathematics is taught using the pioneering Singapore mastery system through the scheme of 'Maths No Problem'. Other subjects including Computing, History, Geography, Art, Drama and Music are delivered through Creative Topic work. These topics change each half-term and are designed to enthuse and excite the children while learning.

At the beginning of the educational journey, we understand the importance of establishing a love of learning, imaginative flexibility and good manners. Nurturing confident learners who are inquisitive and independent are a priority.









## THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Key Stage 2 | Ages 7-11

Key Stage 2 of the Primary School, covering the formative ages of 7 to 11, are housed on the ground floor of the main building, providing a warm and friendly environment where children can learn with confidence. We seek to nurture and stimulate young pupils' talents from the start, whilst allowing them to follow their own curiosity. We encourage our young students to discover that learning is a fun and rewarding pursuit.

The curriculum is based on the globally respected Cambridge International Primary Programme (CIPP). Developed by the University of Cambridge International Examinations, it forms an excellent grounding for secondary education with a strong emphasis on English, Science, and Mathematics. Children receive Turkish lessons where they learn and celebrate the traditional and cultural aspects of life in North Cyprus. The timetable includes use of the extensive sports facilities on campus, in addition to classes in Computer Science and Coding, Music, and Creative Arts.

Students are taught the importance of Honesty, Sincerity, Respect and Integrity, in all aspects of school life, and to this end, our school nurtures good values and character, as well as academic performance. Students are encouraged to independently seek ways to actively promote global and local issues such as recycling, caring for wildlife and supporting those less fortunate through Student Council and after school club activities.





*“ESK is raising confident individuals who have ambitions and dreams, to succeed not just academically but with a positive vision for the future of our community. I am very happy that my child joined the ESK family from the beginning of the journey.”*

PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT





## THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Key Stages 3 -5 | Ages 11-18

The Secondary School takes pupils through from 11 to 18 years of age. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves and achieve beyond their expectations.

Our students undertake the two-year Cambridge International and Edexcel International GCSE programme at the age of 14, leading to international exams and certificates. Our Sixth Form offers a bespoke tailored choice of either the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or A Levels. Each programme is widely recognised and highly valued by universities and employers throughout the world.

With this choice, each student can optimise their Sixth Form experience to best suit their learning style along with their university and career ambitions. The international focus of ESK's curriculum provides students with a valuable broad, well-rounded learning experience. Students are taught to ask questions, work together and explore education through a principled and open mindset.

Our faculty and staff are fully committed to the academic success of each student and their social and emotional development, preparing them to take their place in the world around them.









## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At The English School of Kyrenia, learning is not limited to formal classes. We believe it is vital for students to discover interests, hobbies, and opportunities beyond the traditional classroom setting and community engagement beyond the school gates. A wide variety of activities are offered to encourage students to discover their passion and potential, while also providing a wider scope for character development and new learning experiences.

A full list of the extra-curricular activities offered at ESK include:

- ◆ Football, Basketball, Tennis, Dance, Volleyball, Badminton, Gymnastics and Yoga.
- ◆ Model United Nations and Debating.
- ◆ Coding and Robotics, Digital Start-Up, Hands-on Science, Maths Competition.
- ◆ Music Production, Orchestra, Art Skills Workshop, World Theatre Day, Production Club, Jewellery, Cinema, ESK Singers, ESK Band, Drawing Techniques, Piano, Guitar and ESK Choir.
- ◆ Rotary/Interact ESK, DELF, Helping Hands and Peace Players Basketball.
- ◆ Fungus Magazine, Critical Thinking and Turkish Creative Writing, and Gifted and Talented.
- ◆ French, Mandarin and Russian.









## CULTURAL TRIPS

Surrounded by history, art and an international culture, The English School of Kyrenia organises many educationally-based and entertaining school trips, locally and across the globe.

Opening student minds beyond the school gates is vital in developing a well-rounded education. School trips enable students to build independence and develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

Local Field Trips include: residential visits to Karpaz and Lapta, day trips to Salamis, camping and career tours. ESK also organises entertaining whole-school trips to nurture close bonds between the different year groups, an example being the House Bowling trip.

Travel to international destination are offered during holidays and these visits are accompanied by our dedicated teachers.

Trips include:

- ◆ cultural tours to Italy , Turkey and Spain.
- ◆ Ski trips to France and Austria
- ◆ Inter-school sports competitions in Turkey
- ◆ Educational trips such as Model United Nations (The Netherlands) and University visits to the UK.











The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DofE) is offered to Secondary Students that are 14 years or older. This prestigious award has three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) and each level equips young students with an opportunity to develop valuable life skills outside the classroom. Each award requires students to complete three core components: Voluntary Service, Skills and Physical Recreation and culminates in an adventurous expedition.

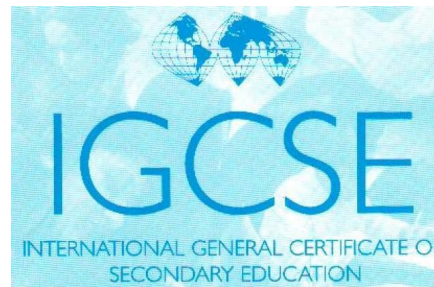
At ESK, our DofE certified staff ensure that students are supported and successful at each stage of The Duke of Edinburgh award process. Students that have completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award recognise their growth as individuals, their ability to manage time and set their own goals effectively, and their positive impact on the community.





## ACCREDITATIONS

Accreditations are extremely important in assuring the quality of education that is offered to students. ESK is proudly accredited to the standard of both British and International schools.





## OUR FACILITIES

ESK's vast leafy campus is a reflection of traditional and innovative learning spaces. Our state-of-the-art facilities include an Outdoor Amphitheatre, a STEM Centre, Fitness Suites and an exclusive Sixth Form Centre. There is a large emphasis on facilities being up-to-date to ensure students are learning and developing at the highest of global standards. Traditional facilities include a Sports Hall, an Outdoor Multi-Court, an extensive Library, Art Rooms and a Dance Studio. Our campus provide an enviable environment for students to participate in an array of activities and Café ESK is a warm and welcoming coffee shop, with a stunning sea view.





UNIQUE but UNITED  
"Farklı olsak da birlikte çok güzeliz!"







# IMAGINE

Science • Technology • Engineering • Mathematics

# STEM Centre

Exclusive to ESK, our cutting-edge STEM centre is home to new science, computer, robotics and virtual reality labs. With bright open spaces and state-of-the-art technological equipment, the Imagine STEM centre facilitates enhanced teaching methods for both our Primary and Secondary schools, that goes beyond the traditional curriculum.

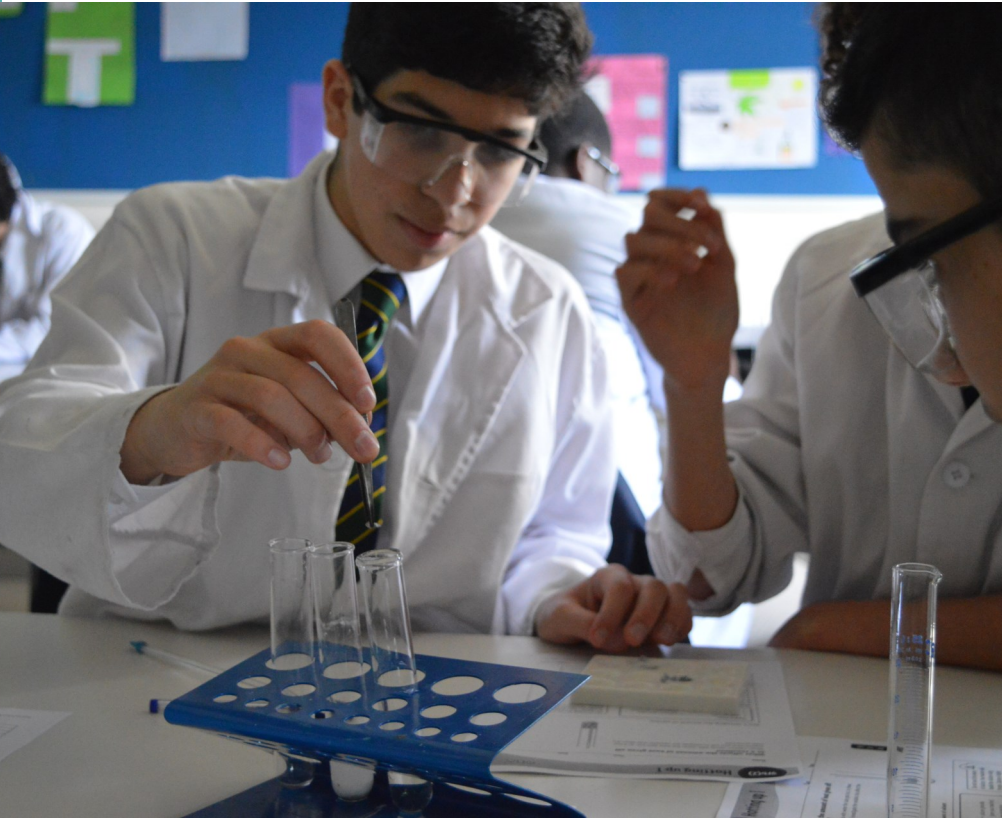
The new learning space comprise of 3 specialized Science Labs, 2 multi-purpose classrooms, a Virtual Reality Lab, Robotics Lab and 2 Coding and Computer Science rooms. The *Imaginarium* is a collaborative space for experimental hands-on learning, and for hosting Exhibitions.

***Ready to inspire the next generation of innovative thinkers!***

With the fast-moving world of connected and automated technologies, ESK students are at the forefront of new knowledge. The Imagine STEM centre aspires to build confidence, embrace creativity, encourage teamwork and promote a forward-looking mentality. A centre fit for the 21st century!











## PRIMARY STEAM EDUCATION

Many schools deliver the British curriculum, but few enhance it! At ESK, we offer a fulfilling and diverse co-curriculum, that goes beyond the UK National Curriculum, and STEAM education is just one of the valuable additions in Primary. As an integrated approach to learning, it combines the Arts with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects, promoting a fun yet educational hands-on learning approach to students at a very early age, starting in Year 1. In class, students are encouraged to use their creativity, critical - thinking and teamwork skills to design and programme their very own 3D models, using Lego Education technology.



## THE GREAT HALL

The traditional Great Hall is an architectural symbol dating back to the 14th Century. At ESK, the Great Hall hosts ceremonies, productions, guest speakers, and formal events. The Great Hall has a large stage area, and can seat up to 500 guests. It also provides a fitting venue for graduation ceremonies before students set off for university.







## THE ESK SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

The ESK Sixth Form Centre is a state-of-the-art study and social facility catered to our most senior students, Year 12 and 13. ESK's academic approach along with this dedicated learning facility provides students with a truly unique Sixth Form Experience.

Every aspect of the ESK Sixth Form Centre has been carefully designed to offer Year 12 and 13 students the best possible levels of support, comfort and opportunities to become independent and confident learners! Located in the Main Building, the facility is a blend of meeting rooms for collaboration and shared study, individual working spaces including the unique Inspiration Bar and 40+ computer stations, a common room, where students can take breaks from their studies, and easy access to the Sixth Form Café, so students are fuelled for the day ahead.

The centre is designed to facilitate a unique and high degree of individual support and academic monitoring - both the Head of Sixth Form and College Counsellor are on hand, to oversee all aspects of life in the Sixth Form Centre. Using time effectively is something that we nurture at ESK - it is an acquired skill, and when students join ESK they can expect excellent results.

*An enhanced learning experience..... The perfect stepping stone to higher education!*







## BEYOND ESK

An education at ESK opens up a wide arena of opportunities for students, beginning with their University Placements and in their future professional careers. ESK students proceed to the world's leading universities and are equipped with the necessary values and skills, as they set off on their new journey into the world.

ESK offers guidance and support in preparing students for their future, after leaving school. Students are provided with the services of an in-house university placement coordinator. Workshops and one-to-one meetings with students and their families are held to discuss options and the next steps, including course and university choices, finances, and career options beyond university.

### UK

University of Cambridge  
London School of Economics  
University of Edinburgh  
University College London  
University of Bath  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Royal College of Art  
City and Guilds of London  
University of Exeter  
King's College London  
Goldsmith's, University of London  
University of Bristol  
University of Manchester  
University of Southampton  
University of Nottingham  
Newcastle University

### EUROPE

Leiden University *The Netherlands*  
Aix—Marseille University *France*  
Pavia University *Italy*  
Utrecht University *The Netherlands*  
Bahçeşehir University *Turkey*  
Sabancı University *Turkey*  
Leipzig University *Germany*  
Koç University *Turkey*  
Amsterdam University *The Netherlands*

### REST OF THE WORLD

Princeton University *USA*  
University of Pennsylvania *USA*  
University of Melbourne *Australia*  
McGill University *Canada*  
Parsons School of Design *USA*  
Yonsei University *South Korea*





*"Today I was accepted into the University of Cambridge to study Medicine, where only 21 international places are given every year. ESK helped me in every step, turning my dreams into goals."*

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GRADUATE, CLASS OF 2019











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