



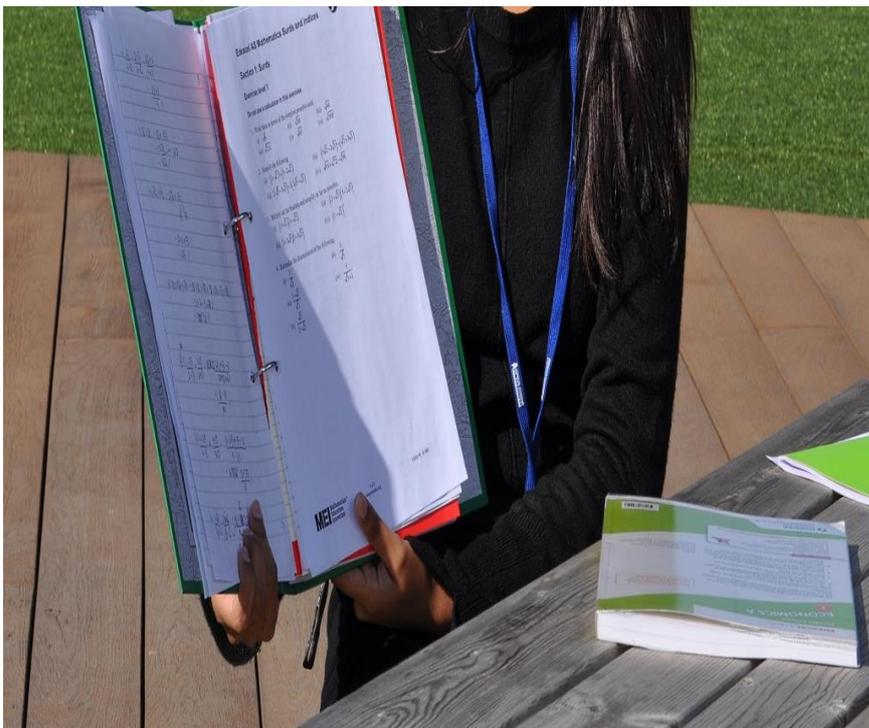
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The most beautiful sea hasn't been
crossed yet. The most beautiful child
hasn't grown up yet. The most
beautiful days we haven't seen yet.
And the most beautiful words I wanted
to tell you I haven't said yet...

— Nazım Hikmet —

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Like in Nazım Hikmet's poem...so many stunning historical places in Turkey are waiting to be seen.

Dear Students,

Turkey has been home to plenty of civilisations for thousands of years therefore it has countless historical sites to visit and wonderful natural places to see. I hope one day you may have a chance to visit some of these most glorious places in person. You will see some links in section C.



How to prepare for Turkish at A Level

This booklet contains links to a wide range of online resources such as literature, science and art. There will be some tasks you should complete before the end of August. We analyse a literary text and a film alongside covering 4 themes, sub-themes, and a research topic during this course so it will be greatly beneficial if you read the book and watch the films during the summer break. Also reading daily news, articles, and literature websites will improve your writing and reading skills, and will give you many ideas about cultural aspects of Turkey. Please see below all the links and the tasks you should complete.

Section A: Summer tasks and websites

Reading Tasks:

- 1) **“Veda” by Ayşe Kulin;** This is the book you are going to read and analyse in Y12. I advise you to read the book during the summer break. There will be a lot of vocabulary you will not be familiar with, so you can use this online dictionary <https://sozluk.gov.tr/> It will be especially useful if you do some research about society, traditions and historical developments in the Ottoman Empire during and after the First World War. Also, read the links below about the book.

<https://www.belgehaber.com/?haber,2003>

<https://fatmacanbulaterdem.wordpress.com/2017/05/11/ilk-blog-gonderisi/>

- 2) **Newspapers**

Please follow the daily news and newspaper articles through the below websites. Please write weekly about some news you were interested to read.

News websites

1. <http://bianet.org/> Bianet
2. <https://www.birgun.net/> Birgün
3. <https://t24.com.tr/> T24
4. <https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/> Duvar Gazetesi
5. <https://onedio.com>

3) Literature websites and blogs

Read some articles through the below websites.

1. <http://www.egoistokur.com>
2. <https://www.insanokur.org>
3. <https://www.cafrande.org>
4. <https://bahceyazi.wordpress.com/2013/02/04/bahcenin-yazisini-aramaya-geldik/>

4) Science

You may be interested in science so see below science websites.

- 1) <https://www.natgeotv.com/tr>
- 2) <https://www.bilimcini.com/>
- 3) <https://evrimagaci.org/>
- 4) <https://popsci.com.tr/>
- 5) <https://bilimgenc.tubitak.gov.tr/>

5) Art

Please check the below websites, there are a wide range of interesting art sections.

- 1) <http://www.sanatlog.com/>
- 2) <https://www.istanbulmodern.org/tr>

Watch:

1) Films

One of these films will be analysed during the course, so watch the films below and pick one to write about;

- Write a brief summary.
- Finish the film with a different ending.
- Describe why you like the film.

- 1) Dedemin İnsanları directed by Çağan Irmak
- 2) Çınar Ağacı directed by Handan İpekçi
- 3) İftarlık Gazoz directed by Yüksel Aksu

I highly recommend below Turkish directors who won prizes in some film festivals.

Zeki Demirkubuz, Yeşim Ustaoglu Nuri Bilge Ceyalan, Ferzan Özpetek Çağan Irmak and Fatih Akın
“Yaşamın Kıyısında 2007”

2) Theatre

Watch these two plays on YouTube and write a short essay (250-300 words) for each (what you think about the plays, if you like it or not and why, which part you like most etc.)

- 1) Keşanlı Ali Destanı 1, 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5wYawBvk2Q&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLlezqJjhEU>
- 2) Yaşar Ne Yaşar Ne Yaşamaz
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK9VWYS4vPY&t=1s>

Poems

Listen and watch poems on YouTube. See some examples below.

Definitely watch these three:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJFR3p7UwU0> Yaşamaya Dair dubbing Genco Erkal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYv4fDaiOPQ> Bu Memleket Bizim dubbing Tuncel Kurtiz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaNLV0ooH7s> İstanbul'u Dinliyorum Gözlerim Kapalı

The name of some poets if you like to read or listen poems: Nazım Hikmet, Edip Cansever, Orhan Veli, Can Yücel, Ahmed Arif, Atilla İlhan, Cemal Süreyya

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK9VWYS4vPY&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj5waG6a36A>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhmNjklDR4Q&list=RDxhmNjklDR4Q&start_radio=1#t=50

Section B: Grammar

Websites for orthographic rules (İmla Kuralları). Grammar is a very important part of the course so please check the below website and do some self study. Also learn Turkish letters well (ı-i, o-ö, u-ü, g-ğ, s-ş, c-ç).

<https://www.dilbilgisi.net/yazim-kurallari-konu-anlatimi/>

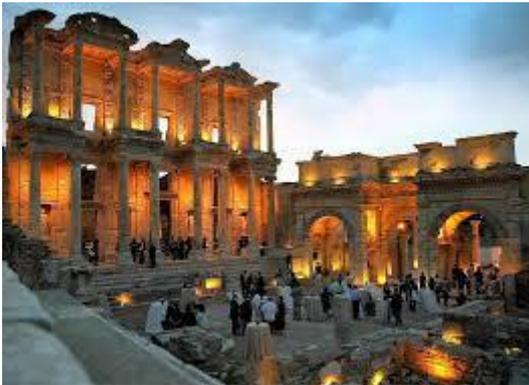
<http://tdk.gov.tr/category/icerik/yazim-kurallari/>

Section C: Places to visit in Turkey

- 1) **Göbeklitepe**: Turkey's 12,000-year-old stone circles were the spiritual centre of a nomadic people. 12 km northeast of the city of Şanlıurfa.



- 2) **Ephesus**: Ephesus is an ancient city in Turkey's Central Aegean region, near modern-day Selçuk. Its excavated remains reflect centuries of history, from classical Greece to the Roman Empire.



- 3) **Aya Sofya**: Hagia Sophia is the former Greek Orthodox Christian patriarchal cathedral, later an Ottoman imperial mosque and now a museum in Istanbul, Turkey. It is famous for its large dome. Built in AD 537, during the reign of Justinian, it was the world's largest building and an engineering marvel of its time.



- 4) **Yerebatan Sarnıcı:** The Basilica Cistern, or Cisterna Basilica, is the largest of several hundred ancient cisterns that lie beneath the city of Istanbul, Turkey.



5) **Kız Kulesi**

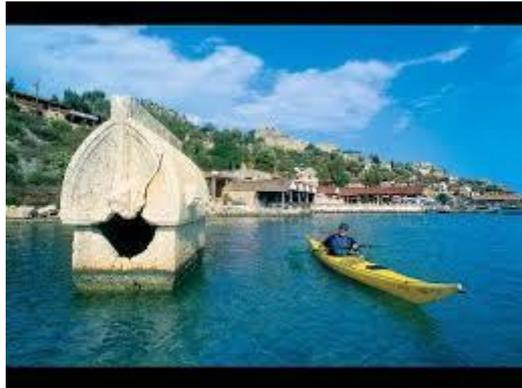
The Maiden's Tower, also known as Leander's Tower since the medieval Byzantine period, is a tower on a small islet at the southern entrance of the Bosphorus strait 200 m from the coast of Üsküdar in Istanbul, Turkey.



6) **Kaş Sunken City (Batık Şehir)**

Kekova, also named Caravola (Greek: Dolichiste), is a small Turkish island near Demre (Demre is the Lycian town of Myra district of Antalya province which faces the villages of Kaleköy (ancient Simena) and Üçağız (ancient Teimioussa). Kekova has an area of 4.5 km² (2 sq mi) and is uninhabited.





7) Lycian Rock Toms

The tombs sculpted from the rock face of the cliff across the river from Dalyan are from the days of the Lycians about 2400 years ago. They are literally a trademark of the holiday resort of Dalyan, Turkey. They are lit at night and make dining along the river especially enjoyable.



8) Sumela Monastery

Sumela Monastery is a Greek Orthodox monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary at Melá Mountain within the Pontic Mountains range, in the Maçka district of Trabzon Province in modern Turkey. The extensive ruins of Sumela Monastery, founded by Greeks in the 4th century, cling improbably to a sheer cliff, high above evergreen forests.



9) Mount Nemrut/

Mount Nemrut is one the highest peaks of Mesopotamia, and its summit at 2,206 metres above sea level contains the tomb of King Antiochus I of Commagene, commissioned by himself. The gigantic statues of gods, each weighing 6 tons and 10 metres tall, indicate what kind of super-human effort was spent on the construction of the tomb.



10) Black Sea Region



11) South East Region



12) Kartalkaya in winter and spring



13) Olympos

Olympos or Olympos was a city in ancient Lycia. It was situated in a river valley near the coast. Its ruins are located south of the modern town Çıralı in the Kumluca district of Antalya Province, Turkey.



We hope you have enjoyed these materials. Keep up the good listening habit, especially in the long summer holiday between GCSE and A level, when you will have loads of time to move your Turkish skills and confidence forward. Keep a note of any great websites you found and tell us about them:

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