



# ROBERT COLLEGE SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-23

*Celebrating 159-years of innovative education*



## ABOUT ROBERT COLLEGE

Robert College's academic program empowers talented, self-motivated high-school students, from a wide range of diverse backgrounds throughout Turkey. Students pursue excellence in their chosen academic fields, while achieving dual mastery of English and Turkish at university-level proficiency. We are a private coeducational, day and residential, university preparatory school. Located in Istanbul, on a sixty-five-acre wooded area overlooking the Bosphorus strait, we operate under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Ministry of Education. We are accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools.

## A HERITAGE OF 159 YEARS

Robert College is the oldest continually running American school founded outside the US. As Turkey's longest established and leading educational institution, we have been a pioneer in many areas. We established the first student council in 1892, opened the first medical school for women in 1920, and hosted the first Turkish basketball game in 1908. We are proud to have graduated seven prime ministers, Olympians, notable academicians, and a Nobel Laureate among hundreds of others who are successful in their respective fields.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Robert College is a symbol for educational excellence in Turkey. Our innovative, dynamic curriculum ensures its graduates possess the skills, talents, and resolve to serve as leaders and contributing citizens in a wide range of social, scientific, political, commercial, educational, and cultural roles, both nationally and internationally. Through academic and co-curricular activities, students develop the skills, aptitudes, and maturity to thrive and lead in any area of their choosing.

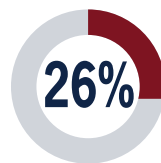
## CORE VALUES

Robert College strives to equip its students with a holistic education based upon the core values of Excellence, Leadership, Balance, Multiculturalism, and Responsibility.

## ADMISSION: TOP RANKED PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN TURKEY

Students are admitted to Robert College solely based on a highly competitive national exam; there are no legacy, sibling, or transfer student contingencies. **We admit students from within the top 0.3% of over one million test takers**, making us the most academically selective private high school in Turkey.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION



of all RC students receive financial aid



**1042** students from **56** 56 different cities of Turkey



**190** residential students



Faculty and staff from **19** countries, **45%** of faculty are foreign nationals



**70%** of our faculty holds a master's degree or above



The average faculty years of experience: **22** years

## EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

Robert College is a community of learners. Faculty and students prioritize education as their core purpose with the larger goal of living a high-quality, intellectually and emotionally fulfilling life. Starting in their first year, students are supported by an academic advisor, a counsellor, and a well-being program.

Students are the heart of our school. Our student-centred academic program emphasizes a growth mindset, risk-taking, humor, empathy, and a passion for learning. Our teachers utilize deep learning skills such as critical thinking, metacognition, discussion-based and project-based learning.

Student choice is prioritised in our rich elective offerings with courses such as Discrete Maths, Shakespeare, Human Diseases, and Film & Literature. English is the language of instruction in science, mathematics, literature, physical education, arts and music; Turkish is the language of instruction in social sciences, and Turkish language and literature courses.

Graduation and ministry requirements: Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Philosophy, Turkish Republican History, Traffic & First Aid: one year. Foreign Language (German / French), History, Math: two years. Turkish Language & Literature, English, Physical Education, Religion: four years.

**CEEB: 696220 | Graduating Class Size: 199**



## GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are given out of a hundred-point scale. Robert College has unique passing / failing regulations, which set higher standards for students than all other schools in Turkey.

We do not report student rank. Grade point average (GPA) is calculated based on the grade and the number of hours each class meets per week. None of the courses, including AP courses, are given special weight.

The passing grade:

**60**

Honors: GPA of

**70**

High honors: GPA of

**85**

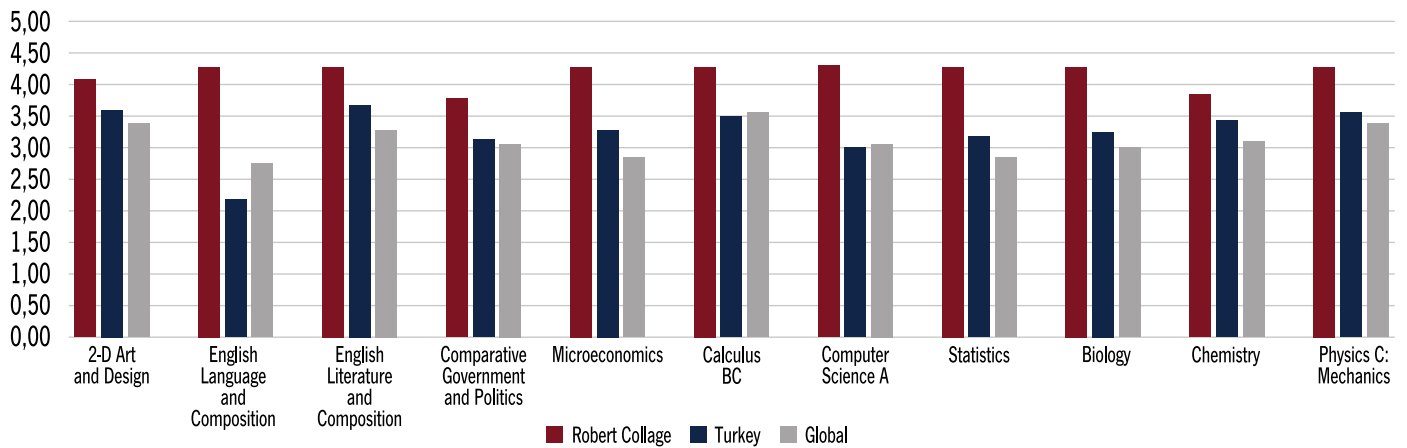
## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Robert College students are offered a broad selection of AP courses, beginning in grade 10. There are 20 AP courses in the fields of Maths, Science, Computer Science, English, Arts and Social Studies.

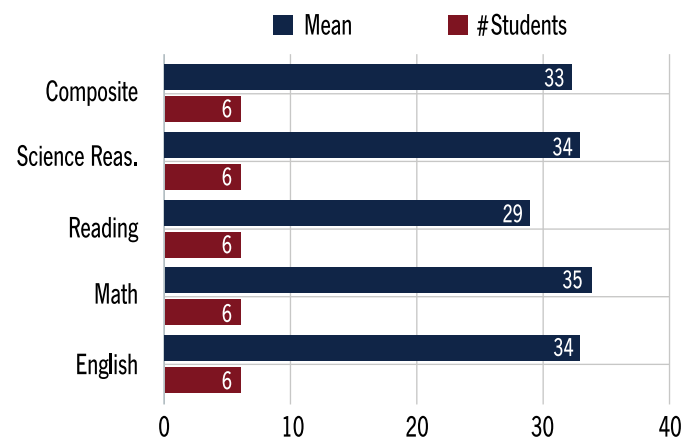
The following APs are offered: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, World History: Modern, Comparative Governments and Politics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Computer Science A, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, and Drawing. Students who are unable to take these AP courses, or who wish to test in a subject not offered, often study individually.

**On average, 95% of those tested in AP, score a 3 or above in at least one test.**

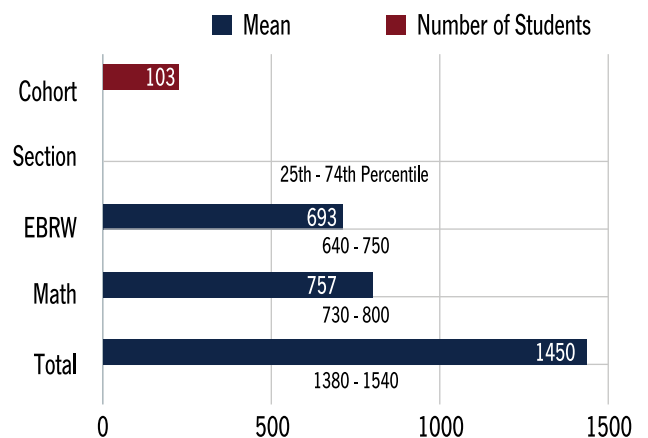
### 2022 AP EXAM SCORES



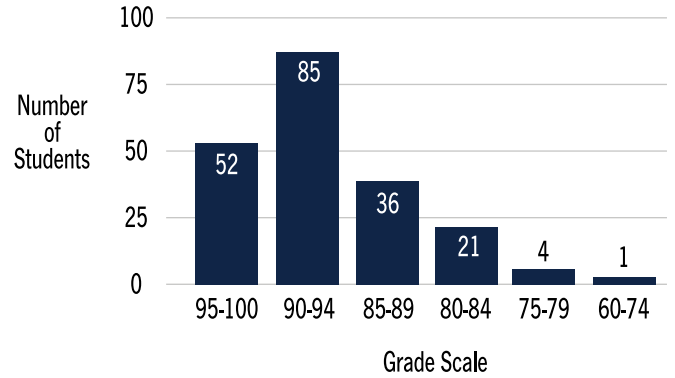
### Class of 2022 ACT Cohort



### Class of 2022 SAT



### Class of 2023 GPA distribution





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## FOREIGN UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2020-2022

52% of Robert College graduates between 2020-2022 chose to study abroad.

325 students have matriculated to the following institutions over the last three years:

(Matriculation numbers are indicated in parentheses, 2022 matriculations are shown in bold.)

### USA

Bennington College.....	1
Berklee College of Music.....	1
Boston University.....	5
Bowdoin College.....	1
Brown University.....	4
California Institute of Technology.....	2
Carnegie Mellon University.....	2
Case Western Reserve University.....	1
Claremont McKenna College.....	1
Colby College.....	4
Colgate University.....	1
Connecticut College.....	2
Cornell College.....	1
Cornell University.....	1
Dartmouth College.....	3
Drexel University.....	1
Duke University.....	2
Emory University.....	4
Georgetown University.....	5
Georgia Institute of Technology.....	3
Grinnell College.....	3
Hamilton College.....	1
Harvard University.....	1
Lafayette College.....	2
Loyola Marymount University.....	1
Michigan State University.....	2
New York University.....	11
Northeastern University.....	3
Northwestern University.....	8
Pennsylvania State University - University Park.....	1
Pomona College.....	2
Pratt Institute.....	3
Princeton University.....	2
Purdue University.....	1
Reed College.....	1
Rice University.....	2
Sarah Lawrence College.....	1
Smith College.....	1
Stanford University.....	6
Tufts University.....	6
Union College - New York.....	1
University of California, Berkeley.....	5
University of California, Los Angeles.....	4
University of California, Santa Barbara.....	1
University of Chicago.....	7
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.....	4
University of Michigan.....	5
University of Pennsylvania.....	1
University of Richmond.....	1
University of Rochester.....	1
University of Southern California.....	2
University of Texas, Austin.....	1
Vanderbilt University.....	5
Villanova University.....	2
Washington University in St. Louis.....	1
Williams College.....	3
Yale University.....	6

### UK

Architectural Association School of Architecture..	2
Durham University.....	1
Imperial College London.....	11
King's College London.....	5

Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts.....	1
London College of Communication.....	2
Queen Mary University of London.....	4
The University of Nottingham.....	4
University College London.....	10
University of Bristol.....	1
University of Cambridge.....	2
University of Edinburgh.....	4
University of Essex.....	1
University of Glasgow.....	1
University of Leeds.....	3
University of Manchester.....	5
University of Oxford.....	6
University of St. Andrews.....	1
University of the Arts London.....	1
University of Warwick.....	1
University of Westminster.....	1

### Canada

Concordia University - Montreal.....	1
McGill University.....	3
University of British Columbia.....	4
University of Toronto.....	10

### Europe

Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne.....	1
Aalto University.....	1
Amsterdam University College.....	3
Bocconi University.....	16
ÇODE University of Applied Sciences.....	1
Ecole Emile Cohl.....	1
Eindhoven University of Technology.....	6
Erasmus University Rotterdam.....	7
Jacobs University.....	2
KU Leuven.....	6
Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT... ..	2
LISAA.....	2
National University of Ireland.....	1
Politecnico di Torino.....	1
Sapienza Università di Roma.....	1
Technical University (TU) Delft.....	10
Tilburg University.....	5
University College Utrecht.....	1
University of Amsterdam.....	3
University of Bologna.....	3
University of Groningen.....	2
University of Milano-Bicocca.....	1
University of Rome Tor Vergata.....	1
University of Twente.....	1
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.....	1
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.....	3

### Asia

Georgetown University Qatar.....	1
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.....	1
Nagoya University.....	1

### Australia

University of Melbourne.....	1
University of Sydney.....	1



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Co-curriculars are a vibrant part of Robert College life. There are over 130 activities offered in areas ranging from orchestra to scuba, robotics to fencing, modern dance to adventure learning. Through these activities, students discover new interests, strengthen life skills, develop social awareness, and technical knowledge.

World Debate, World Scholar's Cup, United Nation Climate Conference, Felsted Global Studies Symposium, Uber Global Hackathon, and Students' Dialogue SDG 16: Justice, Peace, Institution are a few of the international projects in which our students participate.

Our school has over ten student publications that include a school newspaper that has run since 1959, research-based periodicals on history, the environment, the sciences, and creative writing magazines in both Turkish and English.

Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, The Center for Educational Research, The Office of Environmental Education, and Adventure and Environmental Learning are some of the non-traditional areas wherein Robert College aims to solve old problems in new ways and address the critical global issues of our time.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

The Community Involvement Program (CIP) encourages our students to develop community-focused thinking and action skills through the projects they participate in during their time at Robert College, and to apply these skills beyond their high school years as responsible and active citizens locally and globally.

CIP projects are student-initiated, student-led projects that fulfil a need in the community. Students must complete a social service project of at least 75 hours to fulfil a diploma requirement. 40% of all our students exceed the requisite number of hours.

## ECO-CONSCIOUSNESS

We live on an urban forest campus wherein Robert College community members connect to nature. Pioneering sustainable living, we actively work towards reducing our environmental footprint. Environmental education is now a substantial part of the curriculum. Implemented and ongoing projects include solar energy, wastewater treatment, composting, bee hives, up-cycling, nature walks, and cross-country trails. Robert College has prepared and is about to publish its first sustainability report, Project Hummingbird, which states the eco-targets of the school to be achieved by 2030. Students are at the forefront of these initiatives.

