

## “Young Development Academy” Opens Its Doors:

### A New Educational Journey Begins for High-Achieving Students!

The **Young Development Academy**, launched in collaboration with the Governorship of Istanbul, Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, and the **Turkey Technology Team Foundation (T3 Foundation)**, began with an opening program held at Istanbul Çapa Science High School, aimed at supporting the multifaceted development of high-achieving high school students.

As in every part of Turkey, the T3 Foundation aims to open new horizons in science, technology, and education in Istanbul. Within this project, students who **achieved full marks or are among the top performers in the High School Entrance Exam (LGS)** are brought together. The Academy aims to support not only the students’ academic success but also their personal, social, and cognitive development.

#### High Interest at the Opening Program

The opening program at Çapa Science High School took place in a colorful atmosphere with enthusiastic participation from students and their families. The program was attended by **Istanbul Governor Davut Gül, Istanbul Provincial Director of National Education Murat Mücahit Yentür, and T3 Foundation Chairman of the Board Dr. Elvan Kuzucu Hıdır**.

In the opening speeches, the importance of educational models that correctly guide the potential of young people was emphasized, with the message that generations who will build Turkey’s future should be raised within the framework of science, technology, and values.

During the opening program, T3 Foundation Chairman Dr. Elvan Kuzucu Hıdır said that as the Turkey Technology Team Foundation, they have been working with young people for years. He added that what they see in every DENEYAP Workshop, every Science Turkey center, and on the TEKNOFEST stage is the same: when the youth of this country unite around a purpose, they know very well how to embrace that purpose and succeed together. He also mentioned that perhaps an idea students have here will turn into one of Turkey’s most important ventures years later, just like the story of BAYKAR, where a few young engineers once came together in a small workshop with limited resources but strong belief, and today that belief has turned into a success recognized worldwide in the defense industry.

Following the opening speeches, the program content was introduced in detail with a presentation, and participants met each other through organized networking activities.

## **An Educational Model That Goes Beyond Academic Achievement**

The program, which will run from **October 2025 to January 2026** for 11 weeks, consists of a **blended structure of face-to-face, online, and asynchronous sessions**. Participants will receive training in areas such as 21st-century skills, historical awareness, personal development, communication, and thinking skills. In addition, sessions on future careers, entrepreneurship, technology literacy, and career planning will encourage young people to explore their potential.

## **Investing in the Future of Young People**

The Young Development Academy, in line with the **National Technology Initiative** vision, aims to equip young people not only with knowledge but also with values. By the end of the program, students are expected to gain significant skills in **leadership, communication, critical thinking, and teamwork**.

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