



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION

Since 1863

Darüssafaka
1863 SOCIETY

➤ Darüŝŝafaka Society; the oldest NGO in Turkey

- The society was founded by 5 young Ottoman intellectuals in **1863**. The youngest of the founders was 24 and the eldest being 36 at that time. The society **supports and finances Darüŝŝafaka schools.**

Mission: “Equal Opportunity in Quality Education.”

- Founders were visionaries who saw far ahead of their time. The school charter had set equal rights and opportunity for students of both genders; male and female equally.

The School Charter drafted in 1868, just at the very beginning of the construction of the building foresaw:

“admitting girls and boys no older than the age of 10, all expenses of the students to be met by the Darüşşafaka Society, education and administration boards be set and, a director and a directress appointed”

*The society had thus engaged itself to
“ensuring inclusive and equitable quality
education, promote lifelong development for all”
And “Gender Equality”*

*Both fitting with SDG #4 & #5 of the UN,
but 158 years ahead and a ¾ of a
century before UN was born.*



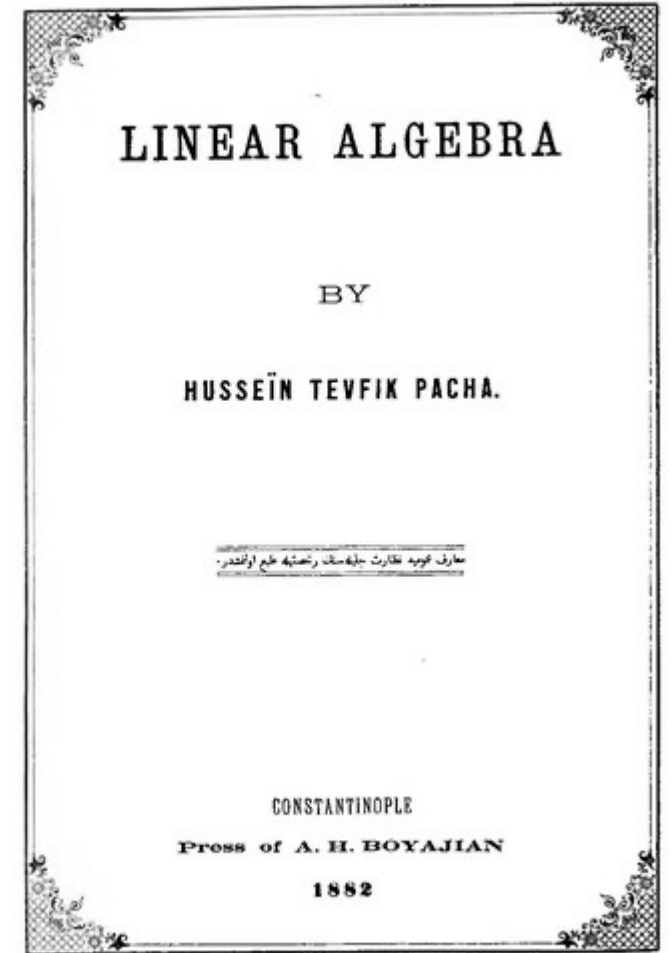
Darüşşafaka resembles a plane tree bloomed by the seeds of:

- “kindness”,
- "helping, " and
- "sharing“.

Darüşşafaka continues its activities to deserve its name, meaning **“home of compassion”** by providing high quality boarding school education with a full scholarship to talented and disadvantaged students who have lost their mother and/or father in early childhood.



The founders were all young statesman and educators; all very well versed in mathematics and education field. In fact, one of the founders (Hüseyin Tevfik pasha) is well known for his famous work *Linear Algebra* (written in English and pub.1882 which outlined some vector algebra including a "special perpendicular" ([cross product](#)) and properties of curves. A copy of the book is with the Harvard university library.



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Graduates

Darüşşafaka is the symbol in Turkey of modern, rationalist, and equalitarian education with its thousands of graduates up until today

Our graduates are among the high ranks of leaders in academia, business world, diplomacy, media, science, and medicine both in Turkey and abroad.



**SALIH ZEKİ,
MATHEMATICIAN &
ASTRONOMER**
Founder of the
mathematics, physics, and
astronomy departments of
Istanbul University



**ULKU ULGUR MD, CHILD
PSYCHIATRIST**
International “Ulku Ulgur Scholar
Award” by American Academy of
Child & Adolescent Society



From 1863 to present...

Darüşşafaka Society receives **no state funding**.

All educational expenditures, daily needs of the students such as clothing, accommodation, food, and health services are all **covered by donations** made to Darüşşafaka. We receive donations from generous people and corporations, at **home and abroad**. Our donors believe quality education is the way to bringing up the future leaders. All donations to Darüşşafaka are **tax exempted** to the extent of each country's regulations.

Every year and 120 students are stepping into this **"home of compassion"**.,

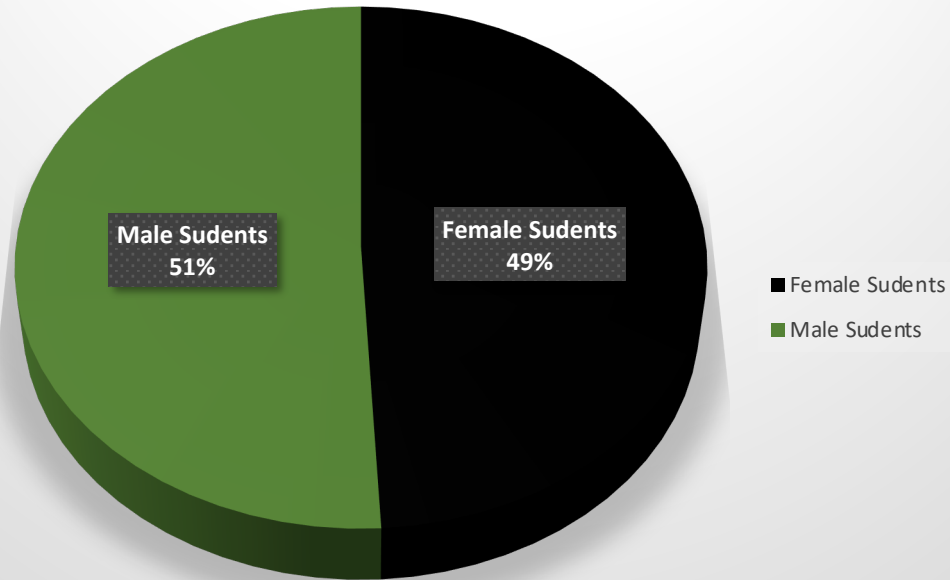
- The students are selected based on their performance at Darüşşafaka's skills-based entrance exam administered annually in 28 different provinces of Turkey.
- 4th grade students who have limited financial means and have lost their mother and/or father from all cities of Turkey are eligible for enrolment in this exam
- Students who are successful in the exam become entitled to attend Darüşşafaka after a full medical examination
- This is followed by an interview with the counseling department and a financial background check including a visit to family home



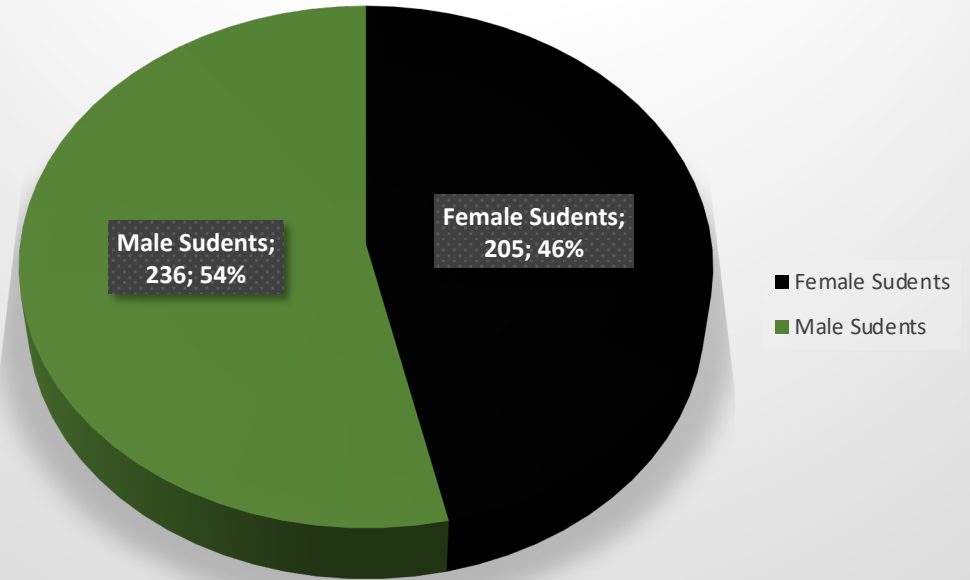
Today nearly 1,000 children from all over Turkey who qualify by passing an entrance exam can continue their education in Darüşşafaka Schools.

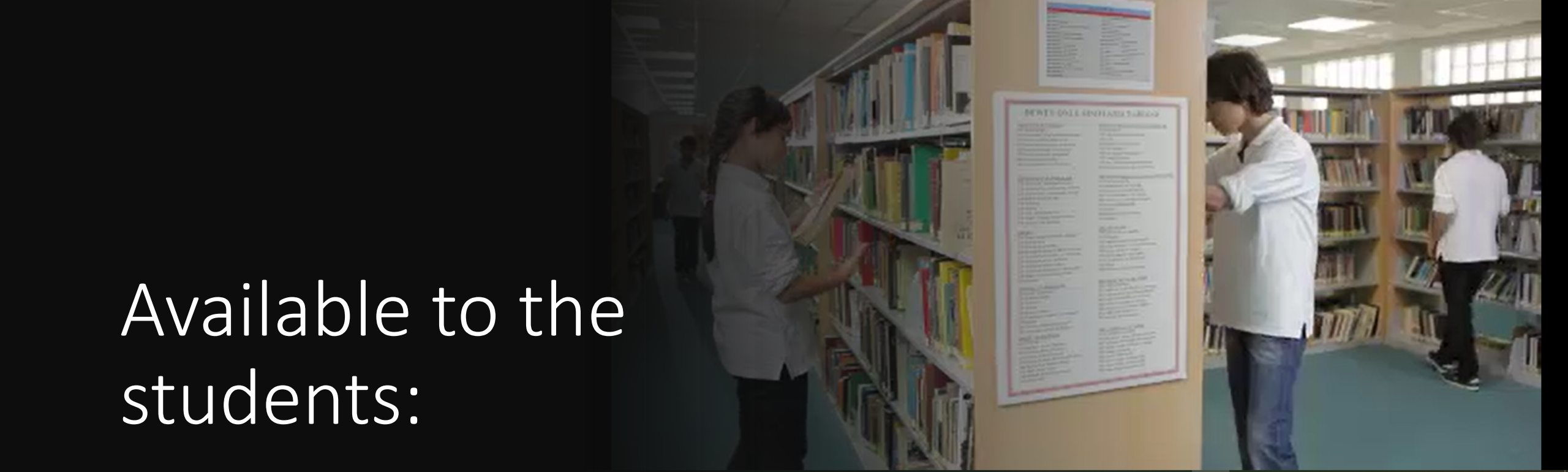
CURRENT STUDENT COMPOSITION

HIGH SCHOOL 467

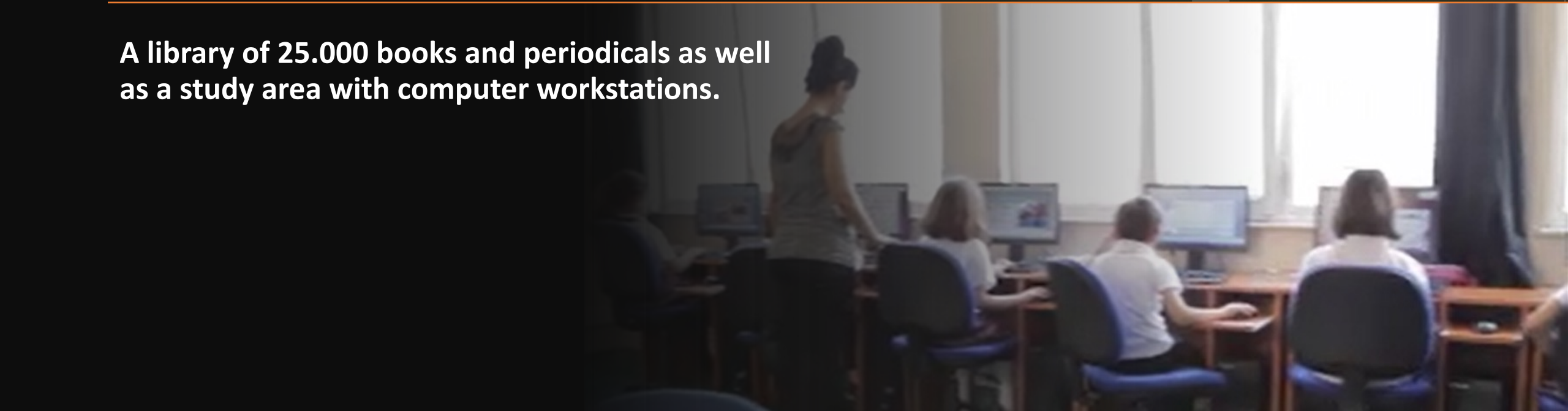


MIDDLE SCHOOL 441



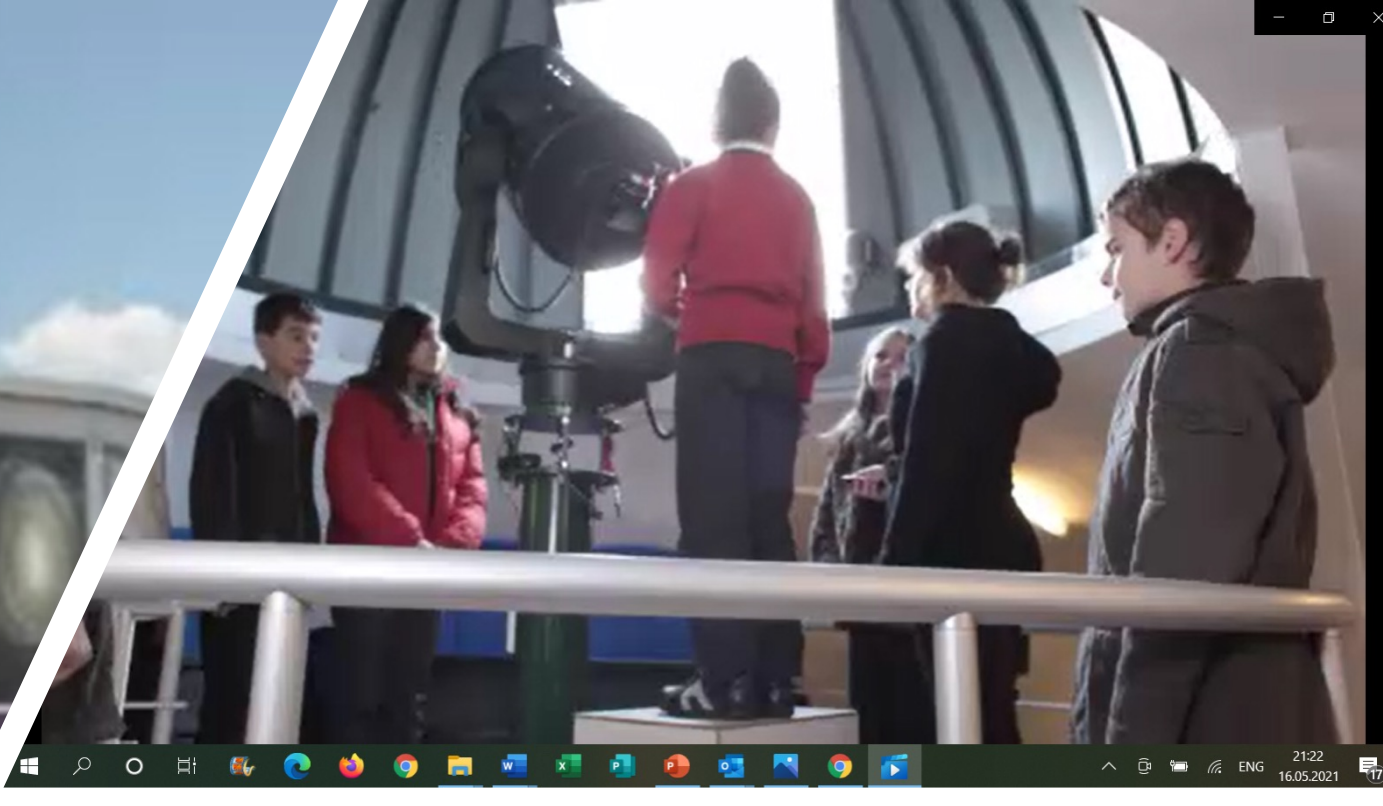
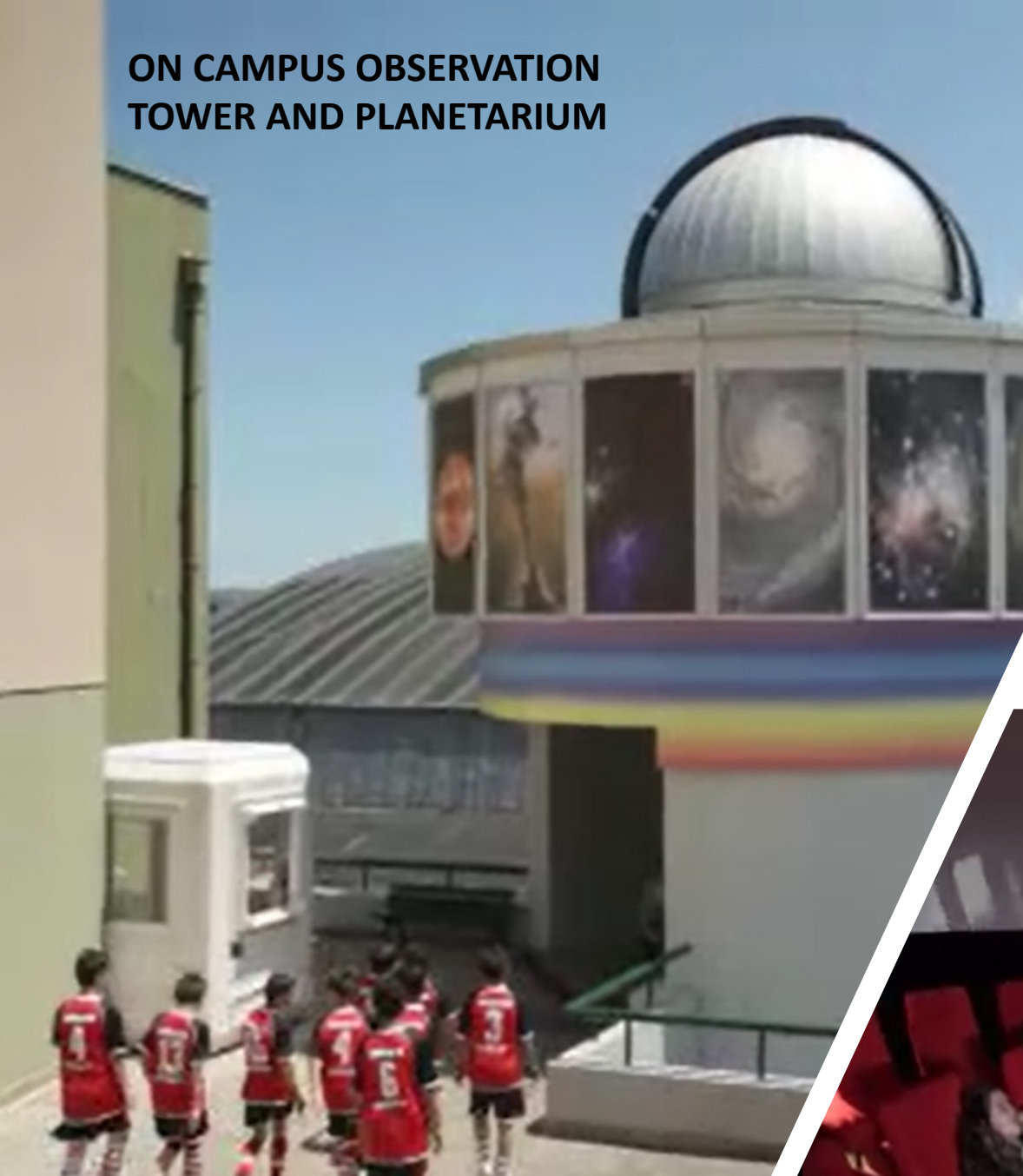
A photograph of a library interior. In the foreground, a young woman in a white shirt is looking at a book on a shelf. In the background, another student is looking at a poster on a pillar, and a third student is walking away. The shelves are filled with books.

Available to the
students:

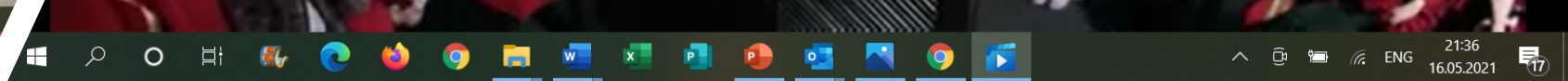
A photograph of a computer workstation area in a library. Several students are seated at desks, working on computers. A woman is standing and talking to one of the students. The room has large windows in the background.

**A library of 25.000 books and periodicals as well
as a study area with computer workstations.**

ON CAMPUS OBSERVATION TOWER AND PLANETARIUM



First digital planetarium in Turkey
7 mt diameter dome seating 34





Classes seating 24 students and,
6 students per teacher on average



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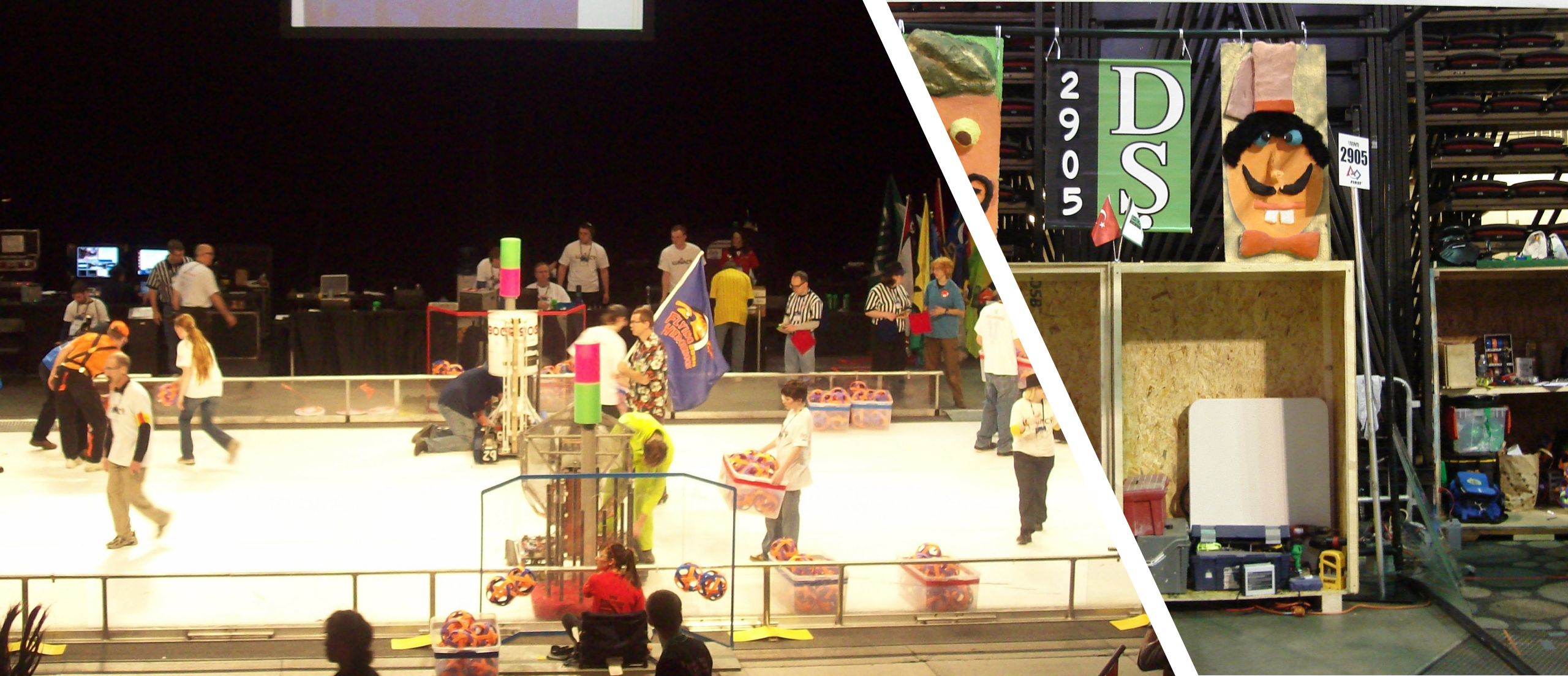




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10. Olden says Dean Kamen for new cabinet - 'Get Us Out of This Mess' Chief
 9. Student term papers are written in programming code vs. English
 8. You carry a pair of safety glasses on you at all times
 7. FIRST mentors request sabbaticals for Jan-Feb

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EĞİTİM
İNSTITÜTLERİ

#2905 Sultans of Türkiye
Darüssafaka Educational Institutions
Fikret Yüksel Foundation



HOMECOMING AT THE SCHOOL





THANK YOU
FIRST DAY AT THE SCHOOL



THANK YOU
40 YEARS AFTER GRADUATION



ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND
PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL



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