I was a fresh graduate when I started working at Bilkent University in the preparatory school, it was my first experience of working as a teacher but not only that my first experience of living and working abroad. From the moment I arrived, the training received was super helpful and a great way for the international staff to bond with the Turkish staff and this was the start of a great two years that I had at Bilkent. I studied the ICELT program within my first year which was great for understanding myself as a teacher and learning about who I am as a teacher as well as fully getting to know the learner profile of the students through assignments and discussions we had throughout the course. This helped me to improve myself and learn many different strategies and techniques that I could incorporate into my classroom. One key thing that I learnt was that having a great rapport with the students and ensuring the materials were adapted to the students ensured for great learning on both my part as well as the students. One thing that I am so grateful for is the friendships that I made at Bilkent and that I still withhold today, I was supported by colleagues both professionally and personally during my time working at Bilkent and those colleagues I can now call friends for life.

Bilkent was my first job as a teacher and I learnt so much that I can incorporate into my classes today and Bilkent helped me to become the teacher that I am today, I appreciate all the opportunities that Bilkent gave me.