

Is school beneficial and should it exist?



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Introduction

In my extended project I have chosen a topic which does not include any biased opinions and has valid reasons for each side; the question is, 'Is school beneficial and should it exist?'

Firstly I have to check if there is a sufficient amount of evidence available for each side so that my argument is not one-sided or biased. I will need to browse the internet to find valid evidence about what children and adults thought about school. I will use children as my subjects as they are still in the educational process and will have first-hand recent experience of what it is like and how they view school in general. I will not be biased towards just one side, but have a fair and equal projection, as this way I will understand how the majority feel about school. I intend to check the authors of the evidence by scrutinising their background and whether they have the ability to see into the matter.

I chose this question because I want to know what people think about school and what their opinion about it. Although school is a good place to learn, I have heard from numerous people that it may have been the reason why their lives have collapsed. I have looked on the internet and learned that people have lost their lives because of school, one of the many reasons for this being stress. My research is the most significant as in the world there are many countries that have schools, as people generally perceive school as something which can swiftly drive the advancement of these countries and help people live a prosperous life and have a bright future.

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School is great but not always. I'm sure there were times when you, the student, might have felt that school was causing you more headaches than benefits. Perhaps you have already finished school and you still carry painful memories of times you were bullied, either by teachers or students. It is true that school has changed in many ways over the years, but some of its drawbacks remain to haunt us to this day.

Research write-up

My first source talks about school and what it will help you with in the future; even if students dislike the experience nearer to the start, it would make them successful in life. One piece of information includes how being educated will lead one to obtaining a better job and higher income than someone who did not go through school. Due to this it then talks about how you will live a healthy, prosperous life. This website states the top ten reasons why school is important and a good deal. In one of the pieces of information provided it explains how, due to school they are more energetic and have taken up sports, which they would have not done had it not been for school. Thanks to school, people would be able to interact with people the same age as them and make friends. The writer of this source is called Jennifer. Although this has been written in 2012 and hasn't been edited, it is trustworthy as it was uploaded by the British Council website suggesting that it is a good and safe website. Jennifer has also been to school which shows her ability to see. Jennifer may be partially biased as the British Council would want children to go to school for the benefits of helping the country. Jennifer in my opinion would be neutral as she has already finished school, so therefore wouldn't have any reason to side with any of the arguments.

A02 reliability.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/magazine/life-around-world/10-reasons-why-school-was-actually-pretty-good-deal>

My second source states why learning and education may be boring, but as time goes by, you would be grateful that you were educated as it benefits your future. The author says that school helps your decision making skills and quality of life. It says education is the key to success, suggesting that if you study, you would get a higher paid job and be happier in life. If you are educated and become intelligent you will be able to make a difference in society and help enhance the country and maybe the world. School would also help children's mental wellbeing and encourage them to not be anti-social. This article's author is anonymous and the creator of the website it was published on. It is closed to external editing and has been checked thoroughly by the person. The writer's reliability is trustworthy as he has written the website just about education. Their vested interest could be that he likes school not because he thinks it is fun, but because it helps life. Expertise is unknown as they posted it anonymously.

<https://impoff.com/importance-of-school/#:~:text=Schools%20are%20important%20part%20of,when%20they%20interact%20with%20people.&text=Schools%20provide%20the%20major%20part.can%20contribute%20to%20the%20society.>

My third source suggests that if you want to fulfil an ambition or dream then you need to complete formal education; the source talks about how if you are highly educated you tend to be more famous and rich and live a wonderful life with anything you wish. It also talks about how studying actually does something to you; you just do not know it because the benefits will show in the future. They say that if there was no school, you would mostly be antisocial and not have enough confidence. Some people would not have had that much exercise and would have an unhealthy work-life balance and would be overweight. It is authored as partially anonymous by someone who claims to be a research student who has studied education and checked all the reliable sources, but remains unnamed. If that is the case, they are reliable and nearly an expert. Their ability to see is also good as they

have been in school. They don't have any vested interest as this was a research-only material.

My fourth source is a debate and it speaks from opinion and not research. There are many facts and opinions of people. While some are teachers, some are or were just students. This debate consists of disagreement and some agreement. It is written anonymously by a research student who has studied education and claims they checked all the reliable sources. They are reliable and nearly experts. Their ability to see is also good as they have been in school. They don't have any vested interest as this was researched.

<https://www.debate.org/opinions/should-school-exist>

My fifth source is made by Peter Gray and talks about why school is bad and the disadvantage of it, and how stressful and depressing it could be. They say how school is something which restricts the students' freedom and they say that really smart people left school because it is detrimental and boring, one example being Albert Einstein. Peter Gray is a research professor of psychology at Boston College. He is an expert and has the ability to see. He would know a lot more about school than others.

https://www.salon.com/2013/08/26/school_is_a_prison_and_damaging_our_kids/

My sixth source is the University of the People website and it explains why school is boring and stressful; they also talk about how some lessons might not benefit students and how they remain uninterested in the contents of those lessons. It also talks about how most students feel like the school rules are flawed and they do not teach necessary life skills; most of the information on the website is based on the students' and teachers' opinions focusing more as an interview and putting it all together to reach a conclusion of whether schools should be here by using various opinions from the interview and checking which one has majority. The article is written anonymously but is just about education. The author has the ability to see as they have been to school and the source is helping others. The author doesn't have a vested interest as she is encouraging and saying the pros and cons of going to college

<https://www.uopeople.edu/>

My seventh source is a website which talks about the writer's (also known as Tom Stevenson) personal life during their school years and how they felt about it. He talks about how at a young age you are told to do 'vigorous' tests such as the KS1 SAT test which occurs at the age of seven, and how stressful it can be. He also says that this is not necessary and can cause anxiety and low self-esteem. This is written by Tom Stevenson who is a traveller, and although he isn't an expert, he has been to school and may have travelled to other schools. He has the ability to see as he has been to school.

<https://tom-stevenson.medium.com/school-isnt-as-important-as-you-think-4e81a507574b>

My eighth source debates why school is not necessary and also bad for children. Sheila Baranoski talks about how educating in a school is unnecessary and all the skills can instead be learnt on a daily basis, such as learning to add up money and measuring as part of daily tasks such as cooking or working. The writer states a lot of lists of what can be learnt. For each subject the list states "Playing on playground equipment with friends at several different playgrounds; Lots of walks with the puppy playing with and/or holding snakes, chickens, cats, rabbits, ducks, and ponies at a friend's farm. Finding and observing caterpillars finding and observing ant hills, creek exploration at several different creeks. We caught frogs, saw a snake in the wild, saw a snapping turtle on the creek bank, a bird nest on the ground, and found tadpoles." These are part of what education is where you could have fun and enjoy. This is written by sheilabaranoski@gmail.com. It was written by a citizen, but she had the ability to see as she was in school she also didn't have a vested interest.

<https://www.sheilabaranoski.com/school-isnt-necessary-for-learning/>

My ninth source is a short explanation of why school is important and how it is important it says that with the help of school it would give you knowledge and protect vulnerable students if they are suffering for any dangers; the writer also talks about how teachers are trained to know if a student is suffering from dangers and how to know if something unusual is happening to them. The author is a certified educator known as Julianne Hansen and may have a vested interest as she or he does not talk about themselves very often; they would have the ability to see as they have been to school and experienced what it is like and if it is bad in an academic way or good.

My tenth source talks about how if the teacher is good, then the education and the wellbeing of a student are also good. The writer also talks about how even if the teacher is good, the quality of the tools used in a classroom also influences whether a school is a bad, as if there is no equipment to use, then there would be no proper or good education as it would be hard to educate only verbally and difficult to memorise. The writer is anonymous, but associated with the government. The website calls themselves the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

un.org/youthenvoy/2013/08/unesco-united-nations-educational-scientific-and-cultural-organization/

Discussion

In this discussion I am going to assess whether school is beneficial and should exist. I have divided my discussion into 3 classifications: health, social interaction, and education. School is a stimulating milieu in which fledglings are instructed about the world we live in: admiring the fluorescent light of the sun and moon, learning the language our ancestors have devised over the years, where we consume our palatable lunch, and most prominently giving us an admiring interaction with the world of times past in which renowned people - such as Shakespeare, the genius who has coined most of the modern day words of English - have lived their lives and contributed to improving ours.

Education

School has granted us manifold opportunities to ensure we have a prosperous future where we do not have to be concerned about whether there is sustenance on the table or not. In Britain we are used to having a civilization where we can have unrestricted education, but in other districts of the world this would be regarded as peculiar or unique. Education is one of the most crucial aspects of life; without it, society would not change and will likely become inferior and not more sophisticated. Many intellectuals have claimed that education is worth more than gold, meaning that the education that teachers share with us is like tossing gold bars at us in sizable quantities, and we must take it whilst we have the opportunity. Although school tends to be dreary, when children later become more innovative, they use what they do so because they use what they have acquired from education in the forthcoming years. Education supports us to comprehend what the generations before have instituted which has altered our souls for the better. Education isn't just about learning a collection of facts and knowledge that can't be applied to the real world. Good educational systems focus on moulding future members of society. When a child reaches adulthood, they should be armed with all the tools, characteristics, and knowledge they need to thrive in a world of opportunity. Independence is a vital attribute for any person. This doesn't just stop at knowing how to cook and get around town. Self-dependency includes learning how to deal with failure, how to manage certain emotions and how to deal with the difficult scenarios that life throws at you. As they progress down their educational pathway, a teacher's focus on developing these characteristics will grow.

As time progresses children have become farther aware of the substantialness of school. Not only does it provide free education, but it also facilitates parents to work without having to fret about their children. Copious numbers of parents asserted that school has assisted them with not having to forsake their children's welfare. This implies that school can do countless other things alongside academical schooling. The study conducted by the California Institute of Technology shows that children who attend school have higher herd immunity, and their brain cells are more developed. This also shows that students who attend school socialize better.

However, school may not be the optimistic environment we all presume it to be. On a website called Children Trends statistics, the information shows that a much smaller ratio, 2 to 3 percent of elevated school students, testified requiring medical attention as a result of a suicide attempt, and this proportion remained stable from 1991 to 2009. However, the proportion soared from 1.9 percent in 2009 to 2.8 percent in 2015. As of 2017, the percent was 2.4, which is higher than the train fee increase from 2018 - 2019.

I think that education is extremely important and it could help someone become successful in the future, as without education people would not be able to perform jobs which require a certain amount of information such as being a surgeon. This would mean you would need to focus on the organ you are going to do surgery on. Without education, the UK would not be how it is like today.

A03 effective presentation.

Social interaction

Kids in school primarily appreciate interacting with each other because it is a way for them to compete and create new acquaintances. Although some students loathe school, they still want to attend it because of their friends which they are only able to connect to for the duration of school. They would yearn to play with their finest friends and engage in sports or online games together. It is the only activity they could do besides settling indoors alone with no one to communicate to. Recent studies that have been formulated on <https://www.nordangliaeducation.com/article/2020/3/6/why-is-education-important> have stated that making friends will help you a stupendous amount as you grow older. While making friends in school may not seem much, but as you grow older it will help you with collaboration skills and will give you great communication skills.

Having friends is an amazing way to stop loneliness, but everything has a risk; peer pressure is something which can change someone's life dramatically. Your 'friends' may want you to engage in risk-taking or illegal activities just for their enjoyment. Some people will want to do it, forgetting about the risks and danger, just so they do not want to look bad in front of them. People who give into peer pressure could do things like smoking at a young age or shoplifting. If someone wants you to do something which is beyond your capability and everyone else agrees, don't be willing to do it. Giving in to peer pressure without wanting to is terrible. A shoplifting teen had stated. 'I was 16, shoplifting was the hottest craze at my suburban girls' school.' This information was in the Guardian and suggests that this girl was thinking shoplifting was 'cool' and because of this devastating act, her life would have gone down-hill. Her friends were likely the people who made her anticipate this suggestion. This shows the risk of peer pressure; this life-altering decision can make someone's existence go down-hill.

A Youtuber called Dhar Man Studio had created a morale video showing what peer pressure was like and the causes of what it could do. The summary of the story was about 2 people who were doing well in school. They soon went to a party and one of them was peer-pressured into taking drugs by the people who were popular in his school. Forgetting

about how dangerous taking drugs is he then wanted to make himself seem popular; due to this he forgot all about his college application and got arrested. His dream college did not accept him as he now had a criminal record. While this man went to jail, his peers who told him to not take the drugs had been successful and now owned a business.

I think that making friends is a good thing and you should do what you want and ignore peer pressure. If your friends peer pressure you to do wrong things then they do not deserve to be your friends unless you want to do it yourself. Without my friends I am not sure what I would do, except doing nothing and just staying in my room as I have nothing to do but that.

A03 logical order.

Health

School is a way to help make our body more healthy: without physical education in school most of us would rather relax and play video games and would not like going outside as much. School is a way to remain fit and healthy. Because of this, many people are more active and enjoy playing sports such as football or rugby. School is something which most people attend and some people aspire to, although importantly physical education is something that has caused many young people injuries over the time.

Education is important but a child's well-being may be affected while they are at school: this could be mentally or physically. Students could suffer from mental disorders such as depression, which could lead them to being anti-social and suicidal. Although most schools have medical care for students, many of the affected students would not tell teachers as they might think it is not a significant or noteworthy problem. Bullying is also an important problem as it could affect the victim physically and mentally. Numerous people bully verbally and, although this may not seem to have significant consequences, it could hurt one significantly.

Sports in school have injured numerous people, but although this is the case, people have managed to remain healthy and fit thanks to it. Some schools have banned contact sports, as they have injured children severely, such as by causing them a broken bone.

I think that physical education is important, as it is a way to make friends and remain strong and healthy. Sports is a way to remain active and not be anti-social. However, we must make sure that sports are played in a safe environment and are not a gateway to bullying. Bullying of all sorts must be discouraged, and that includes the context of physical education.

A03 diff arguments

Conclusion

During the time I researched my project I learned extensively about how people felt about school and how they thought about it. Learning about other people's life in school makes me realise that mine wasn't really that bad; instead I should have been grateful for how good my life is compared to young people my age in other countries who could not afford proper education. This project also talks about something which many people would want to know about as they experienced what life is like in school and could learn how it is different in other countries and the risks and dangers which school can bring to a student's life.

AOK describe what they have learned.

I have used numerous pieces of evidence from websites about how people have felt about school across time. I was surprised to see how many different types of feelings people had about school. An abundance of people said that school could be boring at first, but once you finish, you will realise how important education really is and how it can affect your life.

As I am nearly finished writing my extended project I realise that I have learnt a lot about how people feel about school and the risks school can expose one to; for example, in other countries, parents would need to pay for school, so that their child can live a prosperous life and have a great future. There is a lot of peculiar information that I have never thought about and people's thoughts about school are unique. To put it plainly, some people think school is good and some people think school is bad; even though there are only two different types of answers, the reasons people give are all different. There was a person who said that they felt like their freedom was restricted by school.

AOK review is clear.

My opinion in response to the question of whether school is beneficial and whether it should exist, after reading through the extensive information given, is that school is beneficial. Although it may seem boring and at times unhelpful or irrelevant, in most cases it will prove helpful in the future as it will help you with your future job. School is a place which will eventually help you with gaining new skills such as resilience and collaboration. This will eventually be of help to you in the future as when you go to your new job you will have to work with other people you do not know.

Whether you want to admit it or not, most of your studies come from school and it is thanks to school that you might get a good job, such as being a doctor. One only ought to think about the biology they have learnt in science.

AOK detailed conclusion.

Yet although I believe school is extremely helpful, many people have suffered because of it. School may cause a lot of stress as people may struggle to do work or homework in time as they are busy with other extra activities. Numerous children around the world have been dealing with anxiety or depression. This may be because of other students or the amount of work which they are having.

In the same way many students have taken their own lives because of the amount of bullying they have received. I have watched many news videos about students who have been cyber-bullied or physically abused by other students. The students who have been

bullied would not have told a teacher about it because they thought they would get hurt even more and there was a strong possibility that they were threatened.

Therefore, although school on the whole is useful and something we should all benefit from, I agree that at times school needs to change and be more aware of the young people's needs. School is great, but it is not perfect and it could and should improve.

Evaluation

My extended project has helped me in many ways as it has made me learn numerous skills and showed me the way to what I have to learn in the future. Although I had an abundance of evidence for each segment of the project, some of my evidence was written by students, which suggests that a portion of them may have been biased, albeit they still had the ability to see and were currently in school when they shared their feelings.

The skills I have learnt while doing my extended project could possibly help me in the future; while doing this enhanced piece of writing I have learnt how to type on the keyboard much quicker than when I started. This will be useful in the future as technology is advancing exceedingly. I can now analyse pieces of evidence suggesting whether they are reliable and trustworthy or belong to a biased person who is not experienced with my chosen topic.

A04 skills.

What I would do differently in a future extended project is that I would focus more on the author of the evidence and check their background to see their profession and check whether they are an expert about the topic I am researching about. I would also want my other project to be quite popular and have numerous people on each side who are not biased and are professionals in the area of my topic

A04 what went well.

My project helped me realise how people thought about school and how they felt; I realised that there were some risks going to school, such as bullying and death threats. I realised how common bullying is and how many people have taken their own lives due to the fact that they were being bullied (physically or verbally).

A peer of mine has reviewed my extended project and wrote 'Intro - generally very good. Needs a proof read as a couple of points are that clear. Research write up - make sure that your CRAVEN makes full sense i.e. your point on ability to see for the first source doesn't fully make sense. And in the second source you say she has a degree so this makes her reliable - I'm not sure this is 100% true. I think you are trying to force some CRAVEN points with little info. Don't do this. You don't have to mention every CRAVEN, only a couple times and make sure they make sense. Your discussion is nice but as for your points, they are implied but not implicit. Conclusion - I'm not really sure what your point is in the first paragraph. It's rather vague. Evaluation and bibliography are good.. Just saying some of your writing seems like you have swallowed a thesaurus and using complicated words doesn't always make your points clear. The main area you need to work on is the research write up. Once you have written a sentence go over it and make sure it has a clear point. Your discussion, which is where you get the majority of your marks, is very well written however.' I have looked at the statement my peer has told me and in my next extended project I will work on the things which I have been told to work on.

A04 peer.

Overall I think that my project was good and I have finished it on time. Although this is true, I believe I could have done more research and analysed it better. The work I did was better than I thought it would have been. I think my discussion was superior to the other parts of my project.

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