

School curriculum

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cant survive traditional

In recent times there has been much 1. _____ about which subjects should be included in the school curriculum. One particular 2. _____ is whether the introduction of more modern subjects such as IT for more 3. _____ subjects such as art as music disadvantages the pupils. I believe that this is a difficult question and different solutions need to be 4. _____ for 5. _____ and secondary schools.

There is one 6. _____ argument in favor of replacing art, music and sport on the curriculum with subjects like IT. This is that the purpose of school is to prepare children for their working life after school, so the subjects on the curriculum should be 7. _____ to their 8. _____ careers. From this point of view, IT is much more relevant to school children as they need to be 9. _____ literate if they want to 10. _____ in the workplace. For example, it is easy to see that word 11. _____ and programming skills will impress employers more than the ability to run fast or draw well.

There are also, however, strong arguments for 12. _____ the more traditional subjects as part of the curriculum. One 13. _____ counter argument is that the purpose of education is not just to prepare children for later careers, but also to develop their all round "14. _____. It is important that children leave school with some knowledge of art, music and sport as all these help develop 15. _____ of young people's personalities.

My personal point of view is that there is merit in both sides of the debate and that all children should study some IT, art, music and sport at least at primary school. At secondary school, however, children should be offered a choice between these subjects so that they can continue to study them if they wish.