

## *Future School*

Dear Pat,

Have you read an article titled 'The School of the future?'. It was in today's newspaper. It mentioned that computers will replace teachers to teach students at the 'school of the future'. Teachers will be in the school, just to monitor students' behavior. Don't you think this is ridiculous? Well, I think it is and I strongly oppose the idea.

Firstly, it is not good for the eyes. Playing computer games, surfing the internet is already a favorite pass time of many Hong Kong students. Students will be staring at the computer screen from sunrise to sunset if computers are used in school to teach. Just imagine how severely the eyes will be affected.

Another serious effect will be on the social skills. Computer is used to teach and all works are done through the computer resulting in less and less communication with classmates. This will seriously affect student's social skills. They will have difficulty expressing themselves, which is crucial for job interviews in the future. Don't you agree?

Lastly, I think learning from a computer lacks human feelings. For example, teachers praise us when we perform well and encourage us to work hard when we get low marks. It is impossible for a computer to do such a thing at the right occasion. Students are at a stage where they question their own ability. Therefore teachers are very important at this stage to give them advice and help them when they face problems. Computers can never provide this kind of support to students.



I would like to hear your viewpoints.

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