

104 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

請勿拆開

1. 愛爾蘭詩人 W. B. Yeats 曾經說過 "Education is not the filling of a pail (bucket), but the lighting of a fire." 身處風起雲湧的教育浪潮，身為現代學生的你也多能針對教育政策或理念侃侃而談，請以

"What I Talk About When I Talk About Education" 為題，針對 W. B. Yeats 的名言抒發己見，寫一篇英文作文，字數不得少於 500 字。

2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。

3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

What I Talk About When I Talk About Education

As a Taiwanese student, I do have lots of thoughts about education. To make it clear, I would like to take high school education for example. To get in the best universities is the only purpose to high school students in Taiwan. In order to do that, they have to do well on the final exam, which means their lives are full of classes and exams. Most of them are still unsure what to major in when choosing, so they usually choose a major according to their grades, not their abilities and interests. To me, education is a tool to find out who you really are and to strengthen what you're capable of, which education in Taiwan obviously isn't doing.

Is Taiwan the only country that mistakes the meaning of education? I don't think so. Take South Korea, which is quite close to Taiwan, as another example. High school life in Korea is pretty similar to that in Taiwan, but in my opinion, it's far worse. You can hardly find a student in Korea that doesn't go to a cram school. After school, they have to crush into the cram school to take classes. You're fortunate if you can finish them at 10 p.m., since quite a number of students have to stay until 12 a.m., or even 2 a.m. This outrageous situation results in the serious health problems of these students, and even worse, the chaos in schools. Students don't listen to the teacher in class, they are sleeping so that they can concentrate at night. They go to school because of the law. Why are they doing this? Because the competition of getting in the best universities in Korea is extremely strong.

I believe that we all know it's not necessary for everyone to get in a college. Let's take the U.S. for example. It costs a huge fortune to study in an university in the U.S., so high school students are very sure whether they need to keep studying. But is this the success of education? Does it benefit all students or just the rich ones?

I've heard about the education in the U.K., which made me really appreciate. Not like Asian countries and even not like the U.S., to help students find out what they like, there are majors in high schools. You can really pick up classes that you're interested in, and the most importantly, these classes are delegate, not usual. If you get interest in finance, you should take classes about how to observe the changes of stock markets, how to analyze those tricky numbers, and how to

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appreciate these information. Through all of these, students get to know more about the major so that they can be sure about what to choose in the future, or be sure that it doesn't fit him or her. They concentrate and learn a lot this way because they themselves chose the classes.

Education in Asian countries is the filling of a pail, but that in the U.K. is the lighting of a fire. Why is education so crucial? Because it's the only way that you can change yourself from who you are born to, to who you want to. Here's my conclusion: If you feel the education you're taking is confusing you, make a way yourself to change the situation, and if you are satisfied with the current education, make the best use of it, and try to help others who isn't. After all, there's not only way of education, it's just about learning, doing, and fixing.