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VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

The Importance of 21st Century Skills

As the world continues to change and evolve, it is increasingly important that we equip our students with the skills necessary to thrive in this new reality. While traditional academic skills such as reading, writing, and math are important, they are no longer enough for success in the modern workforce and in everyday life. Our children need 21st century skills, such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, digital literacy, problem-solving, global awareness, leadership, adaptability, and emotional intelligence, to be truly prepared for the world they will inherit.

So, why do our students need 21st-century skills? Here are a few reasons:

Preparation for the Future: The future is uncertain, but one thing is for sure - the jobs of tomorrow will require a different set of skills than the jobs of today. By developing 21st century skills, our students will be better prepared for future challenges.

Workplace Success: The modern workplace requires employees to be able to collaborate, think critically, problem-solve and adapt to new challenges. By helping our students develop these skills, we are preparing them for success in the workforce.

Personal Growth: 21st century skills such as communication, creativity, and emotional intelligence are not only important for success in the workplace, but also for personal growth and development.

So how can students practice these essential skills at home? Here are a few examples:

Communication: Encourage your child to practice their communication skills by participating in family discussions, writing letters or emails, and practising public speaking.

Creativity: Encourage your child to be creative by trying out new hobbies, experimenting with new recipes, and exploring the outdoors.

Digital Literacy: Help your child develop digital literacy skills by allowing them to explore and experiment with technology, play educational games, and learn to code.

Problem Solving: Encourage your child to identify and solve problems on their own, such as planning and executing a family outing or coming up with creative solutions to everyday challenges.

Emotional Intelligence: Teach your child to identify and manage their own emotions, as well as the emotions of others, by practising mindfulness, talking through difficult emotions, and empathising with others.



VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

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At school, we are committed to helping our students develop these essential skills through a variety of programmes, activities, and projects. We are constantly adapting our curriculum to ensure that our students are prepared for the challenges of the future.

We cannot predict what the future holds, but we can prepare our children for whatever comes their way by focusing on the development of these essential skills. With your support at home and our dedication at school, we can develop our children to be ready for success in the modern world.

Together, let's create a future where our children can thrive and achieve their dreams.

Shared by
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WILL CHATGPT MAKE SOCIETY WORSE?

The advent of technology has made it easier for us to learn, develop skills and stay connected with students despite the distance. The pandemic was proof that technology can be a force for good when it comes to education. However, with AI technology such as ChatGPT made available to everyone online, how does access to this impact learners? Is this still another example of technology being a force for good when it comes to learning? In this article written by Anri Ichimura for Esquire Magazine, the 'father of modern linguistics' and MIT professor emeritus Noam Chomsky shares his thoughts on this controversial issue.

Innovations are meant to disrupt—industries, technologies, and creativity. Most innovations nowadays come in the form of new apps or platforms, but every now and then, something groundbreaking arrives that shakes up our existence as we know it. We saw it happen with social media when Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok reframed our social lives. We saw it happen with e-commerce changing the way the world approached consumerism. And we're seeing it happen again with ChatGPT, the AI that's powerful enough to battle Google.

ChatGPT is at the cusp of changing the society we know now. The AI tool can write essays in seconds, papers in minutes, and answer questions faster than Google. Within days of its launch, one million users downloaded ChatGPT in just five days, faster than any other major platform in decades. Investors have lauded the platform for its progress, while workers have called out the AI tool for potentially replacing jobs in the future and schools have banned ChatGPT from campuses to avoid plagiarism. This innovation seems to be a double-edged sword until safeguards are in place to ensure everyone uses ChatGPT responsibly.

One critic who's less than impressed by ChatGPT is Noam Chomsky himself, one of the greatest intellectuals of our time. While Chomsky recognises that ChatGPT can be useful for something, education is not it. In its current incarnation, ChatGPT is "basically high-tech plagiarism" and "a way of avoiding learning," according to Chomsky. When it comes to human education, it presents more cons than pros. How can students learn and understand the rigour of research if they can just ask ChatGPT to do it for them? Unlike Google, which requires a level of research and analysis, ChatGPT requires neither. And that's not even considering the plagiarism factor.

"For years there have been programmes that have helped professors detect plagiarised essays," said Chomsky on the EduKitchen YouTube channel. "Now it's going to be more difficult because it's easier to plagiarise. But that's about the only contribution to education that I can think of."

But it's not quite as black and white as that. Chomsky admits that should students resort to ChatGPT than doing the work themselves, then it might be an indication that the education system is failing its students if they're so willing to avoid learning altogether.

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"[If it] has no appeal to students, doesn't interest them, doesn't challenge them, doesn't make them want to learn, they'll find ways out," said Chomsky.

From that perspective, it might infer that ChatGPT could just be a symptom instead of the root cause of something going wrong in our society today. Has the oversaturation of information negated the pursuit of knowledge? Has advanced technology only made it easier for humans to try less? Has society crumbled so much that humanity is willing to let AI take over?

Just some food for thought.

Source: Will ChatGPT Make Society Worse? - Noam Chomsky Believes It's Just a 'Way of Avoiding Learning' (esquiremag.ph)

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NHx ACE CUP 2023: UNITY THROUGH SPORT

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6-11 February 2023 marked the face-to-face return of NationalHigh's very own sporting tournament, as the Student Council held the highly anticipated annual NHx ACE Cup. Serving as a platform for students across 13 schools in Jakarta to demonstrate their talent in competitive sport and coordination, this year's event also included e-sport sessions.

Games took place from the 14.30 to 18.30 during weekdays and from 08.00 to 14.30 for Saturday's finals. The multi-purpose hall and stadium were utilised for the three competitive sports offered this year like soccer, basketball and volleyball. On the other hand, e-sport was exclusively held on Saturday on the third floor.

The multi-purpose hall was packed with a fittingly explosive atmosphere suited to the high-intensity basketball and volleyball games. The benches were packed with enthusiastic participants supporting their friends. Endlessly motivating their teams were the coaches who were explaining their strategy with a board, ordering players to concentrate and minimise mistakes, shouting desperately requesting for points to be scored and even stalling time. Spectators were no different in clapping and cheering.

"The hype was unreal, it looked like the volleyball was going to hit the ground... until a sliding knee and a punch flinged it upward," a spectator remarked, "just plain wonderful." The atmosphere in the soccer stadium was no different with all the sprints and tackles, key interceptions from defenders and the occasional player hitting the goalpost. Even the gamers were excited, screaming as they narrowly missed defeat.

Overall, everyone made the most out of the first on-site NHx ACE Cup in three years.

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

To our sponsors,

We want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for your help in supporting the NHx ACE Cup 2023. We're happy to announce that the event proceeded smoothly, and the participants who took part in the various activities were very satisfied.

We hope to see you again in the Student Council's future events!

Regards,
The NationalHigh Student Council

NHx ACE CUP 2023: UNITY THROUGH SPORT GALLERY



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COMMUNITY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday, 20 February 2023 (Mentor time).

Name : Game Monday

The Student Council prepared a series of fun, engaging games for students to participate in.

Tuesday, 21 February 2023

Name : Care Tuesday

Students wrote short positive messages to their fellow students to show their love and care!

Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Name : Relay Wednesday

Groups of friends from each class participated in fun and engaging activities that ultimately tested their teamwork.

Thursday, 23 February 2023

Name : Awareness Thursday

Students came up with an informational video about eating disorders.

Friday, 24 February 2023 (Assembly time)

Name : Gift Friday

In an effort to strengthen friendships and community bonds, students purchased gifts for their friends, teachers and staff, which were then distributed throughout Community Week.

The finale of the week-long activity is the gift exchange of students during assembly time.

Note: For Relay Wednesday and Awareness Thursday, students will earn points for their submissions. Classes that earn the most points will receive a prize.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7TH CHUN SUN CUP
8 FEBRUARY 2023
UNTIL 4 MARCH 2023
- COMMUNITY WEEK
20 FEBRUARY UNTIL
24 FEBRUARY 2023
- OPEN HOUSE
24 FEBRUARY 2023
- FAIRGROUNDS
25 FEBRUARY 2023