



All students in Hong Kong should be required by law to complete Form 7

Mr Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, the motion before us today is all students in Hong Kong should be required by law to complete Form 7. I am strongly opposed to this motion. You could say that although I oppose the motion, I am not denying the importance of education or saying that Form 7 is a waste of time.

On the other hand, there are several good arguments for opposing this motion, which I shall now outline.

Firstly, students should be free to choose whether they wish to stay on at school. Most of F.7 students are 19 or 20 years old, they are adults, so staying on at school should be a personal decision, government shouldn't interfere too much in our lives.

Secondly, some students do not like school. If they were forced to stay on at school, it would be a waste of time and a lot of discipline problems would be resulted. Then school can be very boring.

Thirdly, some students simply can't cope with A levels. A levels are difficult, science subjects such as Chemistry and Physics are too theoretical, arts subjects require good English. They lose confidence and feel they are failures if they can't cope with studies. Also, tests, exams and homework make students tired because they are under a lot of pressure. Then they find it hard to continue to study.

Last but not the least, some students prefer to receive practical training for their future careers. Not all students are capable of taking A levels. Some of them prefer to go to work, then they can supplement family income. They can learn on the job, for example, they can get more experience and learn how to communicate with other people.

To conclude, students should be free to choose whether they wish to stay on at school. Students could learn a lot in the books if they could cope with A Levels. Also, they could also earn money and get work experience. Freedom to choose is important. I am certain that you will find these arguments convincing. Thank you.

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