



'Students should be required to stay in school until the age of eighteen.'
To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.

The education systems in schools are designed so that students will be able to develop essential skills and values which prepare them for their future. In my opinion, I believe that students should be required to stay in school until the age of eighteen. This is because students develop quicker mentally at a younger age and also because it is an adequate timeframe to prepare students for the working life.

It is scientifically proven that students learn better at a younger age. This is because their minds are still fresh and vulnerable to various types of information. They tend to adapt quickly and absorb information easier as compared to the elderly. For example, children are able to learn a new language much quicker than the elderly. Therefore, schools are able to take advantage of this fact and educate the students earlier on in their life.

Secondly, spending almost the first quarter of an individual's life learning about literacy and numeracy is essential. This is because students have to establish a foundation before moving on to learn specialized skills that will be required in their career. For example, students have to learn multiplication before moving on to more complex equations such as derivations. Therefore, schools should do their best to educate students on every aspect possible until they are eighteen.

Although some people may argue that the education system is flawed, and students are able to learn better on their own, I believe that schools are essential due to the paragraphs above. Therefore, I strongly believe that students should be required to stay in school until the age of eighteen.

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