DIGITAL EDUCATION FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

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Gifted students' talent should be stimulated by tailoring their education according to their own interests and needs. Digital learning presents opportunity for gifted students to be engaged in challenging activities, enriching experiences and accelerating collaboration. Continuing to nurture the development of our brightest minds with learning opportunities proves of vital importance in order to foster growth and enhance social interaction.

First and foremost, digital education provides opportunity for gifted students to learn according to their needs and pace, since it is commonly known that they work faster than the rest of the class. Consequently, they might benefit from a more suitable and adaptable time and work organization, from personalized assignments, individual time for studying to immediate feedback from teachers and colleagues. Furthermore, teachers are provided with the facility of grouping gifted students homogeneously by ability.

Secondly, it could be mentioned that digital education provides students with unlimited access to learning resources. Students might take advantage of the tremendous variety of materials available, from books, magazines to websites, from scientific research to the latest discoveries, which often proves motivating and stimulating for them. Inquiry learning may more successfully be implemented by using the internet and the digital tools available.

Thirdly, communication and collaboration are facilitated by the use of digital education, addressing gifted students' social and emotional needs. Students are often involved in project-based learning, practicing their problem-solving and creative skills together. Moreover, competitiveness might also be encouraged, as similar minds from all over the world, having similar interests and ideas would choose not only to collaborate, but also to compete, developing their self-guidance, innovative thinking and satisfaction.

Another benefit digital education might offer to gifted students is personal marketing. Apart from schools disseminating their gifted students' results, the students having numerous awards might choose to build a personal brand which may have a greater impact on their success. They would gain the ability to influence a greater audience, to present an overview of their work and expertise and to communicate directly with the public.

Taking everything into consideration, apart from technological skills, other personal qualities such as organizational and time management skills, perseverance, problem solving capabilities and a certain level of independence are essential for gifted students to take advantage of a good online experience and be successful in the future. Nonetheless, online learning is a flexible medium for gifted education, as it offers flexibility, variety and intellectual challenges. Online education enhances the unique opportunity to get a customized learning experience tailored to each gifted student.

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