**Some people think that it is better to educate boys and girls in separate schools. Others, however, believe that boys and girls benefit more from attending mixed schools.**

**Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

Mixed schools and separate schools between boys and girls have been a debate among educationists. Some believe that it is preferable to educate boys and girls in separate schools while, some believe that mixed schools are more beneficial for boys and girls. In my opinion, I agree that boys and girls benefit more from attending mixed schools.

Some experts believe that mixed schools encourage competition between different gender which in turn, enhances the overall learning outcome. Inferiority complex plays an import role in this scenario. For example, it is believed that girls in male dominated courses feel inferior. In trying to prove her superiority, she challenges the boys by studying harder and for the boys to reciprocate to this challenge, they put in more effort in their studies. This improves the overall performance of the students.

However, given the increased competition of students in mixed schools, some expert still believe that more weight should be given to the level of focus while assessing the advantages of mixed or separate schools. They claim that boys in separate schools have more focus to their male counterparts in mixed schools and vice versa. This is because of juvenile relationships amongst teenagers which leads to poor performances.

Personally, I think that competition among male and female students is better for academic excellence than focus. From my experience, someone can be focused and relaxed therefore producing an average result. However, being in a competitive environment pushes you to produce better results irrespective of the distractions around. Because of this, I prefer mixed schools to separate schools.