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**Education**

It is widely known that the most valuable thing in modern world is information. The more person knows, the more opportunities and potential he has. That is why humanity created a system that gives us a knowledge and teaches how to operate with information. This system is called the system of education. It affects us since birth and till the death. In particular in Russia, education is strong complicated system that helps youth adapt to an adult life and get a profession. Let’s talk about it more detailed.

To begin with, basic education Russian children get in 4 years, when they go to kindergarten. They investigate world by playing games with each other. After that, children start elementary school and leave it after the fourth grade. To continue, they have secondary school from the fifth to ninth grade. Compulsory education starts in seven years and ends in sixteen years old. In my opinion, these ages are optimal. Most of Russian schools are public, private secondary education is not common. Of course, it is better because of higher quality, but free schools are OK as well. Moreover, Russian parents just can’t afford it. After school people have a choice. They can go to college or get a degree in university.

Let’s compare Russian education system with systems in other countries. For example, Chinese school starts the same age as Russian, but they have six years of elementary and three years of secondary school. As in Russia, higher school is not compulsory. However, all Chinese education is absolutely free, at the same time some Russian universities charge tuition fees. Another country to compare is France. France has ten years compulsory school against nine Russian’s. Their secondary schooling is divided into two stages. Russian secondary school is whole. In addition, statistics say that 53,6 percent of the French population enroll in higher education. It is almost as high as in Russia where percentage reaches 54%. French higher education is not free, but tuition fees are low because it’s paid by taxpayers. After all, I think that French education system is more similar to Russian’s one than Chinese. Mostly because of similar education period and percentage of population enrolling in a higher education.

Teachers are columns of education system: they interact with students and give them 95% of knowledge. All teachers are different, some are better, some are worse, but my favorite was in my school, her name was Nadejda Egorovna. There are main reasons why I respected her. Firstly, she explained things clearly and we always understand new themes. Secondly, she treated all students equally, that’s a very important quality, there weren’t any favorite and unlikeable students. Thirdly, she was on the same wave with students so we could talk with her about something common. But at the same time, she was strict when it was time to study. Fourthly, she used interactive methods to teach students so we never got bored at her lessons. Best of all, her main purpose was keeping students interested in her subject. And finally, she was good at answering questions.

Distance learning has its benefits and disadvantages. On the one hand, distance learning allows us to study at our own pace. Some students don’t have enough free time to go on lectures, but they can watch a record later. Also, distant learning provides students with individual learning programs. On the other hand, main problem of distant learning is lack of face-to-face contact and feedback. This means that if student has question, it will be harder go get an answer on distant learning.

Higher education is hard to get. But it also gives you lots of benefits. On the whole, people with high education bring enormous benefits to the society. Engineer, programmer, pilot, teacher are so valuable jobs.

The reason why I have chosen Peter the Great St Petersburg Polytechnic University are pretty obvious. I was searching for some technical universities in St Petersburg, and when I was applying applications, Peter the Great St Petersburg Polytechnic University was the only university I liked because of good quality of education and size of main hall.

In conclusion, we reviewed different aspects of education. I can say that people study from born until death and education system plays a huge role in our lives.

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