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The Digital Shift: Has Russian Education Truly Benefited?

When we think about the transformations that have occurred in Russian education over the past 30 years, we can notice a significantly increased role of digitalization. But has this change really affected our learning experience, or are we simply missing something?

Just one decade ago, Russian classrooms used to be dominated by chalkboards and textbooks. Face-to-face communications and group activities were normal. Nowadays, as a 2nd year student of ITMO University, I find myself submerged in a digital ocean. Online lectures and digital assignments are now commonplace. These changes increased the level of availability of education for everybody.

However, every coin has two sides. While the digital revolution offers such a great number of tools that can be used in education, it also brings some challenges It becomes increasingly difficult for students to focus on certain tasks. I believe, that the flows of the information, different notifications, and, most importantly, the complete lack of physical interaction between students can impact the effectiveness of education.

Furthermore, certain subjects require a specific approach to learning. How on earth students can learn chemistry or medicine only using digital tests. The lack of hands-on experience would undoubtedly lead to decrease in quality of education.

In conclusion, while I appreciate the vast opportunities digital education offers, it s essential to strike a balance. Fully digitalized educational process might not be the way we should follow. A hybrid model that includes the best of both worlds, might be the sought path for the future. After all, isn’t education about evolving while preserving its fundamental values?