

## **How will today's 8 year olds want to study in 2026 and what will they want to learn?**

Study? What is study? The 18 year olds of 2026 will want to know what it meant for people to study in the olden days of 2017. Didn't they just have everything they'd ever need to know on their devices? Ready to access at the click of a button? You mean they actually had to sit in rooms and listen to people say stuff and then write it all down and then memorize it to be tested on? You mean they had to listen and interpret information in their brains manually and not use these gadgets that do an instantaneous transfer to our brains of all knowledge ever?

Perhaps it is not academia they will want or need to learn. Perhaps academia will be all too easily accessible to students, so much so that social skills will go right through a non-existent window of their screens. Perhaps the status of university being one big social party will genuinely be the case. Perhaps they will need to learn what real people look like in the flesh and not on screens. *You have a face too?! Can I touch it?* Perhaps they will want to learn how it is that peoples' faces don't last 10 seconds and then disappear. With driverless cars and robot led industries, perhaps they will dream of humans taking over the world, taking over the robots. Imagine.

I want to learn how to speak to people without swiping them first. I want to learn what people look like without a filter. I want to learn how to express my opinion in more than 40 characters. I want to learn how to see the world without scrolling through it. I want to learn how to eat my food without letting my camera eat it first. I want to learn how to be seen alone and not be looking intensely at a screen. I want to learn how to stand in a lift and not rely on some ferocious scrolling to salvage the awkwardness. I want to learn how to do stuff and not share it with the whole world. I want to learn how to stop watching people watch people watch people live their everyday lives. I want to learn how to trust people beyond their double tap. I want to learn how to trust my own company beyond 4G. I want to learn how to trust my opinions beyond the trend. I want to learn how to have confidence without a like. I want to learn how to like something without a click. I want to learn how to click with someone without a Super Like.

But most of all, I want to learn the Wi-Fi code.

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