

What skills should schools teach students before they leave?

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Passing exams is important, but life after school often demands much more than grades. From managing money and emotions to building confidence and connections, many students feel some of the most important life skills are not taught enough in class. We rallied up some students on what these skills are. Here is what they had to say.



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Emotional intelligence is very important. Many people think crying or showing feelings is weakness, yet bottling up emotions can lead to stress or anger.



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Schools should teach financial literacy. Students need to understand how money works – saving, budgeting, investing and even modern opportunities such as online business or forex. Many finish school without basic money knowledge.



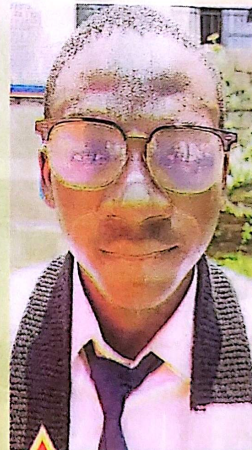
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Networking and building connections. Some students are never guided on how to approach people.



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Students should be taught how to make friends and socialise. Many young people leave school feeling isolated.



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I think critical thinking and problem-solving should be emphasised more. Students often memorise notes, but life after school requires people who can think independently, solve challenges and make wise decisions.



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Students need to learn self-independence. Before leaving school, everyone should know how to manage time, solve problems and survive.



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I believe students should learn how to build social capital. Good connections matter in life. Sometimes opportunities come through people.



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Schools should teach public speaking. Many brilliant students fear standing before people or expressing their ideas. Confidence can help in interviews, leadership and everyday communication.