



Do you think video game help people with their education?

Video games are good for you! (well sort of...). A recent study by the Programme for international Student Assessment found that playing video games boosted teenagers' results in maths and science.

We asked staff and students at Buile Hill Visual Arts College and them if they agreed with the findings in the study

Some disagreed; they feel that too much time is spent on a video game rather than taking part in healthier activities or school work. They also said that they are a very expensive hobby and can be violent but, sometimes they can help you if they have appropriate content and are only played for a short amount of time.

"Apps, online resources and the internet are part of my world. My little girl, aged 8, loves using apps, WII games etc – they are a contributing factor to her learning, so, yes, video games are both educational and entertaining" explained Miss Rees-Cooke, an English teacher at Buile Hill.

However, Miss Offord, another teacher at Buile Hill, doesn't agree. She told us "It depends on the game! Spend too much time on the game and it's a bad influence; too loud, lazy parenting, expensive"

All the pupils asked said they agreed with the study and though playing video games helped them.

Who is right? Both? Video games are continually debated because they have both pros and cons, meaning they will continue to be debated.

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