

2015 DIGITAL ESSAY COMPETITION (DEC)

QUESTION:

“Dear Mr. President... my life as a digital learner”

or

“Kwa Mpendwa Rais... maisha yangu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali”

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**TOP 5 ESSAYS PRIMARY
SCHOOLS CATEGORY - ENGLISH**

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Dear Mr. President,

RE: LIFE AS A DIGITAL LEARNER

I hope that this letter reaches you in the best of health. Firstly, I wish to thank you for your trailblazing policy on digital learning. Your bold move to purchase tablets for schools is welcome and commendable.

Digital learning is a paperless system where one uses computers for communication, that is, sending and receiving information. Learners use keyboard as “pens” for writing. The information written is saved in a computer or flash disk.

Whenever pupils want to study, a file previously saved is opened and the information accessed. This spares pupils the burden of carrying heavy school bags which causes backaches, bad posture and terrible gaits.

Many years before education was digitalized, people were struggling with the expensive life of buying very many books, pens, bags, accommodation, transport, fare and school fees. Life was very hard and expensive.

For example, parents had to buy textbooks, exercise books, pens and pencils for their children with a lot of money while digital pupils use e-books which are cost effective.

Digital content can actually save money for schools and parents. Pupils can download information by visiting educational websites in more moments adding a new way for students to engage in materials for teachers to enhance learning experience.

Traditional textbooks in analogue took more time to be printed and some of the contents is cut of date before they are even published properly. It is opposite to digital learning whereby digital content is easier to modify as information changes.

Learners and teachers can easily and quickly download new versions to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.

The need to submit an assignment by hand is gone. Instead of reading textbooks we receive tablets that are pre-loaded with digital platform which allows pupils and teachers to interact. Pupils submit up to eight assignments at a time within a click of a button.

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Technology is all around us. It can provide us with information, entertainment and even other odd facts. In my own views, I believe digital education has brought more benefits than harms.

Some people multi-task by going to work and schooling by distance learning. It also helps people save money they could have used for accommodation and transport fee. The pupil can also be given examination through technology.

Pupils in the earlier days used to wait for the national examination's results for approximately a month while on the other hand, digitalized pupils just send their index number and by some minutes they could receive their results.

When looking for a secondary school, you just apply and you get the results and the performance of the school while the pupils who were in the analogue days were forced to travel to every county and school to secure admission.

Digital learning is the best innovating to happen since sliced bread was introduced. I thank you profoundly for promoting and supporting digital education.

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LINDA NYAWIRA NDEGWA

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NAIROBI COUNTY

Dear Mr. President,

It is an honor to be a Kenyan in Kenya. I can proudly say that because on in Kenya enjoys the freedom of right to education, go on the net, the universities.

I am thanking you for what you have done to ensure all learners learn digitally. You have and are distributing laptops for public schools and that is marked as a world record deal. There has been the digital migration and many educational programs are watched on television and the net.

My life as a digital learner is an outstanding experience. Google, Wikipedia and YouTube are really good friends of mine, especially if I am doing some research or looking for the best materials to build science projects.

There are many educational audios which I can listen to. There are computer lessons through which we learn more about subjects and do tests, where we get instant feedback for example on "Msingi pock"

Through technology, I also learn of achievements made by other digital learners. I was shocked to find out that a man learned to do the javelin throw just by observing the act on the net! That encourages me that technology might make me do something incredible one day.

Not only in education, but also in talents. For example, I love music, singing and rhythm. I easily go on google and get to learn the music notes and get to learn about my voice and songs to define my pitch.

The sad thing is that a girl my age living in the rural areas does not enjoy what I enjoy. There is a problem: electricity and network. She has to use a candle or a kerosene lamp which makes her eyes red, itchy and swollen while I comfortably use my rechargeable table light as I do my homework.

It is also sad to see that when learners from the rural areas come to Nairobi, other digital children start calling them analog. But now you have enabled the analog-digital migration and now they have almost everything we have.

I am sure if we continue like this, we will soon see rockets and the Kenyan flag on the moon. What you have done in improving Kenyan technology has made Kenya shine among the African continent and beyond.

You have done your part and now leave it to us students to do the rest, we promise to do proud. The digitally did not only affect us students only, but adults also in the tourism industry. Hotel and resort owners can now post all over the world on its elephants and nature and the foreign exchange earned goes for the benefit of us Kenyans.

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Also, parents do not have to use a lot of money paying expensive decoder bouquets. Bamba television gives free services. Thus parents save money and that saved money gets to us children, who are learners.

Entrepreneurship has also been enhanced by technology. Youth can now startup businesses to help them earn a living. What really fascinates me is the technique the Kenyatta University uses. Each university student gets to own a tablet. The tablet enables the student to watch a lesson and do research on it.

The way I look at it the pupils from the public schools have more privileges than we in private schools have. They get laptops while we do not and they are not standardized. Which brings me to the next questions, why are examinations still standardized? Standardization not only affects the pupils but also the choice of school.

If you just knew how much we students work hard to attain the four hundred marks and above. And now we are all at pare in fact they may be ahead of some private schools technologically.

My plea to you is as the digital migration is on, let the KNEC standardize the exam before it is sat, not the results. The ministry of education can be directed to put checks in place to avoid any undue imbalance in the awarding of marks. Digital learning is making it possible. Let us move to vision 2030 with the conviction, the future is ours.

Yours gratefully,

Linda Ndegwa.

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SARAH MOCHAMA

MBAGATHI ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NAIROBI

Dear, Mr. President, my life as a digital learner has made me a better pupil. With everything around me digitalized, I can do a lot of things beyond and ones expectations. In my school there are five computers which we share and use to improve our education digitally.

We are all aware that we live in an information era where all the information we need is just a click away. This is attributed to the existence of networks. The internet being the largest form of network has not only enhanced communication by turning the world into a global village but also greatly improved education. The internet is so tremendous that no one can argue that the internet is not helpful

At one point, we always want to find out spellings and even meanings of vocabularies also, at one point in time we might want to find out the format of writing a certain document such as an official letter curriculum vitae and many more. In these cases, we can tend to turn to the internet to find answers to our questions, hence the emerging slogan that "GOOGLE IS YOUR FRIEND".

The internet has also uplifted itself in education and it is to stay. This is because it contains online tutorials where students are able to learn from. This can also be seen on higher education sector where people are able to study courses online.

Thanks to the internet, we are also able to share information with our friend. This can be done through the use of online discussions, on these we are able to form groups and share information in these groups. This helps us in saving the time we would use in writing by use of our hands.

We all have lost our learning materials like books at one point in life. What if we had a way to retrieve them? Well, the good news is that you can back-up your soft copy information in a cloud storage location such as Drop box or even Google drive. What does this mean? This means that you can access your documents from any location and be able to back-up your work.

The digitalization of education has not only made the learning process to be interesting but also easy. Take an example of a situation where an experiment needs to be done and it is dangerous or worst still, or the required materials are not available, it is much easier to explain such a concept by the use of a video clip about the experiment. This not only reduces risk but also enables students to get comprehensive details about a particular concept

Clearly, we cannot ignore the power of technology in our education as students we are able to get great benefits from this digital era by exploiting the resources we have responsibly. Therefore we should take pride in the fact that the government is taking an initiative to digitalize education in the country and also make the learning process easier for all of us.

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MBAGATHI ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAIROBI

CLASS: EIGHT

AGE: THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

Dear Mr. President,

My life as a digital learner has progressed to a higher level and has transformed my learning automatically. Digital learning has also made my learning more comfortable. My learning has also migrated from analogue to a more digitalized standard. Truly, the government is really doing a great transformation and improving schools in Kenya, it is not a doubt that vision [2030] will be a great success, but as the henchmen coined that, the key to success is by taking one step at a time.

Though my journey of learning was not quite easy because my style of learning before had encountered numerous and outstanding difficulties due to the fact that one has to move to the next class every year thus opt to increase the number of books we carry every day. I had to bear the heavy burden of lifting and carrying a bag a half my normal weight. At one point of time it was worth the struggle because a man does not rest on a struggle of achieving his goals but when he rests it means he is satisfied. I have not yet achieved my goals therefore my struggle is worth the pain, for success never comes on a silver platform.

I also suffered severe backaches because of going back and forth several miles of school and back home. I had to carry more than fifteen books in my bag-pack full of notes. As every year passed I went through a great disappointment by losing all my books that had very important notes. I am now delighted and well compensated due to the fact that through the digitalized methods of learning by use of computers, my worries have abruptly come to a great end. I don't ever have to worry about losing books with important notes.

Through the use of computers, I am able to lessen my burden of carrying heavy and many books. I don't have to carry many books because the computers have all I need. I am also able to take notes and do thorough research on topics that have been hindering my performance. Lately, I had been losing my notes carelessly but through the help of computers, I am able to store my notes in a soft cloud application so as to access to them anytime and any anywhere without having the fear of losing them. Through the help of devices such as flash drives, my work is made easier because I can insert the device in any computer and access my notes easily.

I am able to find information on the internet that is only a click from a mouse away. It will remain true that these computers have an easy way to access important information rather than turning a hundred of pages, and only get disappointed from not getting satisfaction to the fullest due to the fact that, the information stated in the books is not rather fulfilling. Technology, discovered and also researched by scientists has really wowed and blown my mind due to the fact that it holds uncountable vocabularies and spellings that cannot be easily gotten in books. Technology has made it easier because we can get any vocabularies from applications that have been

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enhanced such as Google search and even Wikipedia search. We are mostly able to learn about how countries in Africa were colonized and even video clips on how the body functions in various ways. Our school has also tagged along with the digital migration by putting up laboratories that will help us in our searches on the internet but also unfortunately, they are not quite enough

Our school computers have an application site called [Msingi park school edition]. At this special site, we have many test papers that have helped us in our revision rather than using a lot of revision papers that we tend to forget about. When we research and see things practically such as science experiments we are not likely to forget due to the gospel that what the eyes see are not likely to be forgotten easily. Use of pens and papers have also reduced because we don't have to buy pens and books when they are filled up and our pens have ran out of ink. This has also reduced family expenses since not all families wallow in extreme luxury and extravagance, they are not opt to buy books and pens almost every week since computers don't require pens and papers but just typing is required.

The information from the computers leaves us students with no excuse of failing, because it has all the information we need .The computers have all sorts of accessories such as textbooks and even storybooks to occupy our minds for they say an idle mind is the devils workshop and I Mr. president don't want to engage in activities such as terrorism due to the fact that I am idle, therefore, these computers occupy my mind when I am idle. Us as students don't need to search in vain for a lot of textbooks and storybooks that don't go directly straight to the point and tend to waste a lot of time when we can only click a few keyboard and read online. This also reduces the risk of losing school textbooks that are not on time repayable.

Since I started using computers, my thinking capacity has upgraded and I am able to think out of the box and use my time wisely. Few! I am fully covered by computers in everything I do. I want to formally thank you Mr. President for the work you have been doing in government schools and digitalizing our environment. Above all I would like to request you to build more computer laboratories to better our learning.

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Dear Mr. President,

MY LIFE AS A DIGITAL LEARNER,

I remember it wasn't long ago that Kenya was not digitalized, but now the world is changing and technology is here! You personally made a promise to us that you would improve our ways of learning by giving us laptops. Through that our lives would revolve to a whole new world.

At school we get homework and almost every day, we go back home with back breaking bags. Most of our backs aches and we end up missing school so that we could go to hospital. On the other hand, teachers dress up very elegantly in their ebony black suits only to come and make them dirty through the dusty black board.

At times when I have forgotten a concept and am at home I have to struggle really hard for me to remember it. Sometimes it is also very challenging for me to reach school since the distance from home to school is pretty far. I also have to worry about reaching to class late since if you get late you are locked out. Most of the time I get into trouble with the teachers for either not finishing my homework or forgetting my books at home.

Mr. President if we had the hi-tech gadgets you promised us our life would be a whole new much better world. For instance if we had the laptops we wouldn't have to carry back breaking bags to school, but instead we would just carry our comfortable laptop bags. Life would be very easy for us through the emergence of hi-tech gadgets like tablets, I-phones, e-board and laptops.

The web sites on the internet like Msingi pack.com would be of great help to us. They are used for revision in various schools, personally I would like to be a great benefiter of it since it looks very educational. Instead of the teacher using his time to mark books for students or to make sure that each student has done the work, he just asks the pupils to e-mail him the work they have done.

Instead of us using fare to go to school, we just video chat with the teacher so that he can tell us what he would like us to do for the day. Since every pupil would like to have or experience this type of learning I don't think that when we get to have this kind of fun we will live to regret it.

There is also the emerge of WhatsApp. This is a social media web site. It might seem like a waste of time to some parents but the truth is that it is a bundle of help to most of us. The pupils can work hand in hand with the teacher so that they will get to understand a certain topic that they did not understand. It also gives the teacher an opportunity to get to know which subject that the pupils are weak in. Teachers also get to learn from students on how to make their style of learning and teaching better.

There is also the advent of google. If a pupil is given homework to search for something, they simply use google. It is much faster and even better than the rest. There you can use any sort of language that you are comfortable with. Google is normally meant for people to search things from it, and we pupils would greatly benefit from it.

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These laptops that you will provide for us can greatly help us in revision. Most pupils are used to depend on their teachers and books for revision but once we get these laptops none of us will live to regret it. We would also become digitalized through the hi-tech gadgets that will be in our use. We would also learn how to use computers and so much more.

The teachers will also be great benefitters of it. They won't have to come to school almost every day since their work will be a lot more easier through the following; they won't have to board buses very early in the morning since they will now be using skype and e-mail. They also won't have to worry about who will not attend the lessons since they will just give the homework through skype, WhatsApp and e-mail.

Through the hi-tech laptops, the teachers will not have to complain about some pupil's illegible hand writing, since the laptops have variety of handwritings to choose from, which most of them are very pleasing. Some teachers also have illegible handwritings which the pupils can't be able to read and understand, but through the variety of handwritings which the computer has it will be very easy.

Some of the teachers also get tired when they try to make pupils understand a certain concept and they can't, and most of the time they bellow while addressing us but once we get these laptops the teachers won't have to communicate harshly to us since by that time most of us would have learnt how to use these hi-tech gadgets. Actually through these they will be able to get to learn our weaknesses and they will have time to make us get rid of them.

The advent of new hi-tech gadgets will save us a lot of money. From bus fare, to stationery stuff expenses, to maintainers, to buying books every time, that is one budget that no parent wants to here. If all that money is rounded up it is enough to use for buying data bundles which one can use for skype and WhatsApp.

With all those remarks, bid you goodbye and hope that you will fulfill your promise of giving us laptops.

**TOP 3 ESSAYS PRIMARY
SCHOOLS CATEGORY -
KISWAHILI**

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MADA: KWA MPENDWA RAIS.....MAISHA YANGU KAMA MWANAFUNZI YA KIDIJITALI

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Maisha yangu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali yatakuwa yenye furaha na kufarakana. Elimu ni taa inayong'aa na kuzagaa gizani. Elimu ni ile ile lakini mbinu zimerahisishwa na kuwafaa wanagenzi wote nchini mwetu. Mbinu hizi ndizo zitakazo wafanya wanafunzi wapiti mtihani yao vizuri na waweze kutimiza ndoto zao.

Teknolojia ni utumiaji wa maarifa ya sayansi yaliyowekwa katika vitu serikali ya Kenya ambayo iko chini ya mamlaka ya mheshimiwa rais Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta imezindua mbinu mpya ya kuwaelimisha wanafunzikwa njia ya teknolojia.

Teknolojia itawasaidia wanafunzi kuhifadhi elimu yao ya kila somo kwenye ngamizi kama waya wanavyofahamu fika ni kuwa, vitabu hweza kuraruka raruraru na kuliwa na wadudu kama kombamwiko anayependa kutafuna karatasi. Jambo kama hilo likitendeka wanafunzi huwa na changamoto kubwa ya kunakili tena waliyokuwa wameandika vitabuni mwao.

Kinyume na hayo, chochote kilicho hifadhiwa au kuwekwa katika ngamzi hubaki papo hapo hadi utakapokitoa wewe mwenyewe. Hii humsaidia mwanafunzi kuhifadhi masomo yake na kuweza kuyapata kwa urahisi.

Fauka ya hayo, teknolojia husaidia pakubwa shuleni. Usalama huchangia maendeleo ya shule Fulani ikiwa hakuna usalama, adinasi huishi kwa uwoga mithili ya kunguru. Hivi majuzi tumeshuhudia kisa cha ugaidi katika andaki ya Garissa. Wanafunzi gana moja arubaini na saba walifarakana na sayari ya tatu. Kama kungekuwa na ulinzi bora maisha ya insi wengi yangukuwa hai sasa lakini yaliyopita si ndwele, tugange yajaayo.

Wakati huu, nyakaso za upelelezi hutumiwa shuleni na nyaya za umeme huzingira shule. Hii huwafanya wanagenzi wadansi na wote bwaliokuwa shuleni kule kujihisi wenye usalama. Methali amani haiji ila kwa ncha ya upanga imepitiwa na wakati na kubaki nyuma ya koti la babu. Kila binadamu anapaswa kutahadhari kabla ya athari. Amani na usalama ni kiini cha utangamano na maendeleo mazuri katika jamii.

Teknolojia itawatolea wamafunzi mzigo mkubwa. Mmikoba yao huwa mizito sana nanga tupilia mbali katika kaburi ya maghafala. Vitabu vyao vya ziada huwa vingi kinyume na vipatakalishi ambavyo inshallah wanafunzi watapewa. Vipatakalishi huwa vyepesi aghalabu huwa na mizani ya kilo moja. Takwimu zimeonyesha kuwa shanta nzito huweza kuudhuru utingili ambao huwa mojawapo za sehemu

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muhimu sana mwilini. Wanafunzi wakipata vipatakalishi wataweza kujinusuru kutokana na ndwele tofauti.

Vipatakalishi vitakavyopewa wanafunzi, vitatumia miale ya jua kufanya kazi. Wanafunzi wote hata wanaotoka familia zenye ufukara wataweza kuvitumia pia hupunguza fedha ambazo zingetumika kulipia umeme. Namna hii itawafaidi waja wote.

Uzuri mwingine wa teknolojia ni kuwa, huwasaidia wanafunzi kuchambua mambo mengi yanayohusu masomo yao. Mtandao huwawezesha kujua mengi hata wakiwa wameketi chengoni mwao. Wanaweza kuzuru nchi zozote duniani na pia angani furaha iliyoje.

Elimu haina umri wala jinsia. Wavyele wa wanafunzi wa kidijitali hufaidika pia. Wao pia huweza kuchunguza maarifa mengine kuhusu ujuzi wao katika mtandao. Mathalani ikiwa mzazi ni mkulima, yeye huweza kujua na kufahamu vyema kuhusu zaraa. Yeye pia huweza kujua ni mimea ipi itakayomea vizuri. Baada ya kufuata maagizo yale, mkulima huweza kuikuza aila yake. Yeye hupata fursa ya kuwapeleka wana wake shule nzuri na kuanzisha biashara nyingine.

Teknolojia hutumika kwa mawasiliano aina mbili kama barua pepe na nyinginezo. Wanafunzi huku Kenya wataweza kuwasiliana na wanafunzi wengine huko ulaya. Wao huweza kujadiliana kuhusu mada yoyote na hueneza utangamano na umoja kati ya wanafunzi hawa. Wazee wa jadi walisema kuwa udongo uwahi ungali mbichi. Wanafunzi wakieneza upendo wakiwa bado wachanga, watakuwa na hulka hiyo hiyo na kuwa vielelezo katika jamii zao.

Fauka ya hao, teknolojia huwa na video mbalimbali ambazo mwanafunzi huweza kuvitazama. Kwa mfano, ikiwa mwanafunzi Fulani ana kipawa cha kuimba vyema au maneno mazuri ya kumtoa nyoja pangoni, yeye huweza kutazama video za kukuza kipawa chake. Ingawa video zingine huwa chafu na zenye kushusha maadili, lazima mwanafunzi awe mwenye busara na akili safi ya kukataa abadan katan kuzitazama ili mienendo yao mema ibaki vivyo hivyo.

Hebu tulia kidogo na kupata taswira ilivyo kuwa zamani wakati wa masomo. Wanafunzi wangepiga milundi kilomita nyingi kabla ya kuwasili shuleni na wangepiga sana hadi darasa likatapika wengine. Mwalimu alikuwa mmoja tu! Jambo hili lilikufanya kufunza kuwa shida kubwa. Kweli, mola hamsahau mja wake. Alimpa mwanadamu akili ya kuunda teknolojia ambayo imesaidia kila moja kwa njia moja au nyingine waama, Jalali ni mwema.

Mheshimiwa rais, aushi yangu kama mwanagenzi wa kidijitali itainuka na kurahisika sana. Shukrani nyingi kwako mithili ya mchanga baharini kwa kuhusisha teknolojia katika masomo yetu.

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Kwa Mpendwa Rais ,

Maisha yangu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali yamekuwa ya kushusha moyo. Mimi ni mwanafunzi mwenye idili za mchwa kichuguuni. Nina nia kuu na azma ya kuwa mtu mashuhuri hapo mbeleni. Sitakubali hata kamwe kitu chochote kinizuie kupata azimio langu.

Mara tu niliposikia habari kuhusu vipakatalishi kwenye redio nilifurahi. Nilifurahi kuzidi mvuvi mkata asiye na be wala te na alikinaso kishazi cha samaki. Kweli nilikuwa na sababu ya kufurahi kuzidi ghaya. Nilikula yamini kuwa lazima kama ibada wavyele wangu wangekupigia kura, pindi tu waliposikia habari hizi walifurahi upeo wa kufurahi. Wazazi wangu walionelea kuwa ungeingia ofisini muda wa bana banua.

Hivi majuzi walimu wetu walienda katika mkutano wa shule za serikali. Nilisikia walienda kuzungumza kuhusu vipakatalishi hivi. Nilijawa na furaha kwani baada ya mkutano vipakatalishi hivi vingeletwa. Nilijipa shime kuwa vipakatalishi hivyo hatimaye vilikuwa vimefika

Vipakatalishi hivi vina faida tumbi nzima. Masomo yatakuwa rahisi mofimu hizi za kidijitali zitumiwapo. Wanafunzi wataweza kuelewa vitu kwa urahisi na pia zitashusha gharama ya kununua vitabu vya kusoma. Wanafunzi wataweza kupata vitabu chungu nzima katika vipakatalishi hivi. Vitabu hivi vitawafaidi kwa hali na mali. Wavyele hawatajawa na shida za kununua vitabu.

Mwalimu anaweza kupiga picha ya kitu kama vile mlima. Mwalimu huyu akitaka kufunza kuhusu mlima huo ataleta picha hiyo na kuweka kwenye projekta. Kutokana na hii, masomo yataendelea bila kudhuru mazingira. Wanafunzi wataweza kuelewa vitu kwa urahisi.

Picha hizi hutumiwa kueleza zaidi kuhusu jambo ambalo wanafunzi hawakulijua. Hii itawafanya wanafunzi wajaadiliane kuhusu mambo ambayo bado hayajaeleweka.

Mwalimu anaweza kutuma kazi ya ziada kwa wanafunzi hata akiwa safarini. Hii itawafanya hasa wale wa darasa la nane kuerevuka zaidi. Maadam wafanyapo kazi hii hujikumbusha

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mengi. Walimu wetu mara kwa mara wamepiga kelele kuhusu kifutio chetu. Husema hakifuti vizuri. Vipakatalishi hivi vinaweza kuwanyamazisha. Isitoshe, vitabadilisha kutumia madaftari kufanya kazi ya ziada, hivyo hushusha gharama ya kununua.

Wavyele wangu wamekuwa wakishangaa na kubung'aa. Wameshinda wakiuliza ni lini vipakatalishi hivi vitawasili. Imekuwa ni muda wa paka kunawia mate tangu utuahidi. Wahenga na wahenguzi hawakutupwayapwaya kwa mipwayo walipodhukuru kisha kunadi, ahadi ni deni. Katika familia yangu ni mimi pekee nimeelimishwa kwani wavyele wangu ni fukara hohehahe. Wazazi wangu ni walalahoi wasio na be wala te. Mimi ndiye nitaonyesha mfano mwema kwa wadogo wangu.

Ni masikitiko makubwa kuwa vipakatalishi hivi vitakuwa vya wanafunzi wa darasa la kwanza tu. Rais, ingekuwa bora zaidi kama ungeanzia madarasa ya cheo cha juu. Tutaweza kuelewa zaidi na kusawazishwa na wanafunzi wa shule za kibinafsi. Nitajawa na furaha ukianza madarasa ya cheo cha juu.

Ukianza madarasa ya cheo cha juu itakuwa itakuwa jambo aula. Hii itashusha kwa njia kubwa pana ambalo limo kati ya shule za kibinafsi na za serikali. Watoto wa shule za serikali na za kibinafsi wataweza kushindana bila tatizo lolote.

Hivi majuzi niliposikia kuhusu habari zile za Kilifi nilifurahi ghaya ya kufurahi. Wanafunzi wa Kilifi sasa hivi wanajua kuongea lugha nathari bila doa wala kasoro. Waliweza kujieleza katika redio. Inabainika bayana na imeshamiri kote mithili ya moto nyikani kuwa Kilifi huvuta mkia lakini sasa naona mambo yakiwa mengine. Wanafunzi wa mwaka huu wamo teyari tahayuti kufanya mtihani huo. Vipakatalishi hivi vimewafaa sana. Itakuwa jambo aula ukifanya hivi katika kaunti zote.

Nitazama katika lindi la furaha vipakatalishi hivi vikifika kwetu. Itakuwa vyema mambo haya yakifanywa chapuchapu.

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EKITABU KISWAHILI ESSAY

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Kwa mpendwa Rais mimi ni mwanafunzi ambaye amefurahia kazi yako kuu ya kiteknolojia. Teknolojia imeweza kuwasaidia watu wengi nchini kote.

Kwanza kwa kimasomo, umetusaidia sisi wanafunzi sana kwa kuanzisha mradi wa utumiaji wa vipakatilishi katika shule zote za msingi nchini. Kabla ya nyota ya jaha ya teknolojia kutuangukia, nchi iliparara na kupauka. Nyuso za raia wa Kenya zilijaa makunyanzi na makunyato.

Hapo ndipo teknolojia iliibuka ghafla bin vu na baada ya muda tulianza kuona matukio yaliyotukiza kwa tukutiko tukutuka. Sasa, wanafunzi wanaweza kusoma bila madaftari yaliyo na uwezo mkubwa wa kuraruka raruraru. Pia mfumo huu mpya wa kidigitali unawafanya wanafunzi kumakinika kwa masomo kwani wanapata faraja kugusagusa vipakatalishi vyao.

Pili, teknolojia husaidia katika wavuti katika mtandao. Kwa mfano, ninaweza kuwasiliana na rafiki yangu aliye ughaibuni. Teknolojia kweli!..... rais, asante. Teknolojia husaidia kurahisisha kazi na utekelezaji wa shughuli katika harakati za wanadamu walio katika ulimwengu wa sasa. Teknolojia inatusaidia kutafuta majibu mengi ya kisayansi.

Tatu, teknolojia hutusaidia sisi kama raia wa Kenya kwa kupiga kura. Kura huhesabiwa haraka mithili ya chui mbioni na tunapata matokea baada ya muda mfupi. Mfumo mpya wa kidijitali umewezesha maisha yetu kuwa kama darubini. Kana kwamba tunaweza kutabiri kitakacho fanyika wakati ujao. Kwa mfano, katika hali ya anga.

Nne, teknolojia inatusaidia kupata maarifa kuhusu nchi zingine. Kwa mfano uchaguzi, sherehe za kimataifa, vita na mambo mengine. Pia inatusaidia kujua kinachoelekea nchini mwetu. Kama kazi mbalimbali za serikali yako, michezo ya riadha ambayo raia wetu wa Kenya walishinda.

Nyanja nyingi kama vile vilimo, viwanda, ufundi na hata mawasiliano zimenufaika kutokana na teknolojia. Hata hivyo, kama wahenga walivyo nena hakuna masika yasiyokuwa na mbu. Teknolojia inazo athari zake.

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Watu wengine hutumia teknolojia kupitisha habari mbaya kuhusu ukabila, chuki, utengano na vita. Hata hivyo, natumai kuwa wewe rais utapigana na wote ambao wanatumia zawadihii nzuri vibaya. Asante kwa kuwa umetufunza maisha ni lengo ni lengo ni lazima tulifikie.

Tutashirikiana na wewe kwani tembe na tembe huwa mkate aidha jifya moja haliinjiki chungu. Pia tumeitambua kuwa umefanya kazi kwa moto mmoja kama chui aliyechachama na chachawa si haba. Ndiposa nakuunga mkono rais kwa kunijenga mimi kama mwanafunzi wa kidigitali.

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Dear Mr. President, my life as a digital learner has taken a whole new dimension. One whose definition cannot be limited to all the words which the English dictionary has to offer. School is no longer a prison where the leaders of tomorrow are transformed into academic zombies. Learning itself has not been limited to the classroom. It can be acquired anywhere and everywhere. The digital world has influenced learning so much that I cannot help but marvel, can you?

For a long time. The word “fun” has been an oversize vocabulary that could never fit into school those who loved education were considered out of their minds. Weirdoes. However, such cases were quite rare because the young generation always seem to think alike. Likewise, it is for this very reason that I write on behalf of all other learners in Kenya

The use of projectors to explain an academic concept s extremely fascination .long gone are the days when we used to sleep during lessons. Who would dare miss out on this entertaining experience? Our teachers are now better equipped with modern technology. Quick internet enable them to carry out quick research on issues that raise doubt. More so, teachers all over the country can connect, interact freely, exchange ideas, share their experiences and motivate each other. The result of that is a happy, well-learned student and a satisfied teacher.

Every time I look at a flat-screen, digital computer, my heart melts with pure excitement. The digital revolution, as I like to term it, has swept away all ‘analogue’ mentalities and has transformed education in ways I would have never imagined. Digital watches, digital cameras, digital phones, digital computers, digital televisions, name them. Life is now ten times easier and well-advance. Information is only a tap away. Our fingers seem to be burdened with all the work, but I believe it is something they can get used to.

It is an open secret that young people are always he black sheep of nation. If not immortality, it crime. These vice are characterized by idleness well, believe it or not, change is in the air. Look

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around, observe. We now have better things to do with our time rather than twerking our moral away in parties. The internet is keeping us occupied. Many young people now prefer to stay at home and watch the television or browser on the internet.

Every young person dislikes boring lectures. That is why they do not listen when being advised. It is such a waste to have us sit all day long, lecture us on how to conduct ourselves this way, that way: the dos and don'ts of life. We are young, vibrant and energetic. We need entertainment, action, interaction. Something to make us concentrate. On that note, I congratulate you, Mr. President. It is evident that technology has been used to enhance guiding and counselling sessions. For sure, it is working miracles.

The internet is easily accessible, all thanks to the reliable Wi-Fi connections. This has enabled us to get information about drug abuse, its effects and ways of avoiding it. Many other challenges that we encounter can be researched and solved. Vulgar and obscene language is considered a taboo among the learned of today our grades are scaling to greater heights. We are gradually fitting into the modern world. I can even email my teachers: even when I am not in school, they can follow me up on my academic progress. Take another example, the exchange programmes in school. It is amazing how distance has been reduced to nothing but an illusion!

Personally, I have been able to improve my talent. It is possible to learn how to draw, cook, paint, dance or play a musical instrument. How? We have Google, YouTube and many other websites which offer such privileges. Learning is what every young person desires today. Callus the digerati. It would be an understatement. Mr. President, I can never thank you enough.

Much has been mentioned concerning the positive aspects of this digital revolution on learning. We all have our rose-colored spectacles on. Let us take them off. We cannot go into denial. We simply cannot pretend that we are not aware of the negative side. Of course, there are numerous and insecurity are among the conspicuous problems. The ones I am struggling with as a digital learner. What WE are fighting. Something has to be done. Fast.

I was never born an expert in problem solving. Neither am I the national consultant on matters affecting the youth: but I am a victim. I believe there are certain measures which can be taken to fight the three challenges. Pornography is a major concern. Usually, it is embarrassing for Kenyans to talk about it. This kind of attitude is what encourages it to spread among young people. It all begins in the mind. It is also very addictive. Nobody can freely talk about such an addiction, especially not a young person. For this reason,

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psychiatrists and counsellors should be allowed to have personal, online consultation in schools. More so, it should be made strictly accessible by adults only. What if pornography videos were banned? Wouldn't we be humming a different tune?

The digital devices can easily be accessed by the rich people. It is not realistic that the government should buy every citizen a mobile phone, but how I wish that w-fi was free of charge within the geographical boundaries of Kenya. Makes sense now, doesn't it? Closed circuit Televisions (CCTVs) should be installed, external in institutions of higher learning. This will curb internal insecurity, external insecurity and cheating in examination. It is definite not a guarantee. But it is worth a try. Mobile phones are powerful tools. Fact. If they were legalized in schools, learning would connect with their teachers easily and access the internet easily. After all, aren't mobile phones cheaper than laptops?

All in all, I appreciate the fact that Kenya's education is rapidly advancing. The world is growing into a digital village. I am proud that Kenya is part of it. Maybe my solution seem insane, maybe that is how much I want the best for my country and maybe; just maybe, that is how much I love Kenya.

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HIS EXCELLENCY,

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MY DIGI-LIFE

Dear Mr. President,

As they say, technology has brought more good than harm and I have no reason whatsoever to disagree. Recently, Kenya just shifted from analogue to digital and with her, learning too. This was just but a dream- like chasing the wind- but now it is a reality!

Your Excellency, it is such a great honor to write to you. It is indeed with much joy that I would like to inform you how my life as a digital learner has been impacted greatly and positively. Being a student in one of the institutions that have embraced technology, learning has become much more interactive and effective, not just in school but at home too.

In class for instance, we learn through graphic PowerPoint and computerized diagrammatic presentations of various units in subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Geography. Physics is way more interesting and fun. Can you imagine waves coming to life on a smart board or a diagram of the human heart suddenly pumping life at the press of a button? You do not have to! This actually happens- thanks to technology.

Internet connectivity has facilitated further research in many spheres and offered further details on particular areas of interest. During the National Science Congress competitions, I find technology playing a key role in research. The computers which have internet connectivity and Wi-Fi connection come in handy. Going online offers platforms not only for acquiring information but also guides on how to utilize that information. Google is one of the most renowned search engines the world over. Other areas where the internet is useful in school

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include science and engineering fairs, debate contests and research club.

It is now possible to join online libraries like e-kitbag, myGoethe and elibraryusa to read and borrow books. E-books are no longer the jargon they were; instead they have become common catchphrases. Discussions on online study groups are much fun. On these platforms we get to connect with other students all over the world, share ideas and learn a thing or two about other cultures. Through this we enhance national and international cohesion for the present and the future as we are the leaders of tomorrow.

In my school library, there are E-readers called 'kobo'. These kobos are very helpful whenever I wish to read a book that is not available in our library. I am able to access the specific book on-net.

My learning experience has got more exciting both in school and at home. I no longer have to break my back carrying stacks of books during the school breaks and holidays. All I need is a laptop or a computer at the nearby cybercafé to access any e-book. Since I like burying myself in interesting fantasy or fiction novels during my leisure time, an application known as Watt pad comes to my aid. After all, a little time in the magical world of imagination and fiction is great for the brain. Besides, work without play is toxic to a progressive mind.

During the holidays I can also connect with my friends, schoolmates and teachers with the help of applications like WhatsApp and Facebook where we form study groups.

So far the amazing digital experience has been enlightening but not exactly what I had envisaged. Sure enough, I have grown in breadth and length. However, your government could do more to support schools by donating computers, building laboratories and providing internet access and Wi-Fi connectivity. In addition, there is need for more trained and experienced manpower to facilitate the learning process.

Finally, exchange programs with developed countries like America and China will bring a whole new refreshing outlook to our digital experience. It is at times very challenging to access the internet in areas where it is not activated or enabled. Developed countries have solved this by having Wi-Fi connectivity enabled everywhere- even in the lavatories! We could borrow a leaf, even a tree from them and make our digital revolution exemplary. Mr. President this is my digi-life. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr President... My life as a digital learner.

Dear Mr President, at the end of the 20th century, the world witnessed a move from industrial revolution toward an information revolution. Principal to this revolution has been the rapid growth of new technologies in Information Communication Technology (ICT) sector.

Of all these technologies, the internet is the most pervasive and ubiquitous in terms of capabilities such as being a repository of information and a medium to send and receive information. As a digital learner, I have utilized it a great deal. I have always received assignment details and notes during the holidays as E-Mail attachments, done research on the assignments in the World Wide Web and sent the assignments back after completing them to various teachers. I have also been obtaining knowledge through communication with resourceful persons through social networks and E-Mail technology such as Skype, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Viber, G-Mail, Hotmail and Yahoo Mail. This has been both through chatting, video chatting and voice calling and has led to increased consultations that incur minimal costs. I have been obtaining educational materials in softcopy and multimedia formats through Electronic File Transfer software's like TeamViewer Software. All these have been enabled by the fact that the internet has made the world a global village.

As a digital learner, I have been applying Computer Aided Instruction (CAI) and Computer Aided Learning (CAL) in my education. I have been using Eureka Software and Virtual Classroom Software which present explanation of various concepts in multimedia format and then presents questions at the end of each sub-topic. Through the usage of these software's, I have been able to revisit areas I have difficulty in mastering the content. This has improved my level of mastery of content since these software's make abstract concepts easier to understand. For instance, I have been able to view models of various

Industrial processes in Chemistry using these software's thus aiding in understanding and memorization of the concepts. I have been using Geogebra Software to gain practical skills in mathematics in topics such as translation, transformation, rotation, reflection, loci and geometry. I have also been doing aptitude tests in my phone that have improved my language skills and critical thinking therefore propelling me to academic success.

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E-Learning and online library services have also contributed to my academic success as a digital student. This is through various categories of e-learning such as knowledge databases, online support, asynchronous training, that is self-paced learning on CD-ROMs or blogs with access to instructors through bulletin boards or e-mail and through synchronous training, that is in real time with a live instructor facilitating the training. I have been watching many lectures found in Harvard University's blog that have improved my knowledge of computer as a subject and also other subjects. For instance, I have understood how the Operating System manages tasks such as interrupt handling, error handling, job scheduling, memory management, input/output management and security. I have been doing HTML Web scripting introduction courses in www.w3cschools.com. This has improved my understanding on Hyper Text Mark-up Language. This web scripting language has been used to construct the World Wide Web which was the great invention of Tim Berners-Lee. I have also been accessing information about particular topics in library databases online such as Kenya National Library Database blog.

As a digital student, computer based simulation has also enabled me acquire practical skills in Science related subjects. Computer based simulation which involves representing the behavior of a real-life situation by using computerized models has provided me with clear illustrations on how to work with apparatus and take accurate readings. I have been using Eureka Simulation Software to gain practical skills in Chemistry, Physics and Biology practical's. This has improved my grades in Science Practical's which is a key component in passing highly in Science subjects.

As a digital learner, E-Commerce and Electronic Fund Transfer has enabled me acquire learning materials which are unavailable in local bookshops. These materials acquired through e-commerce, which is, processes of developing, marketing, selling, delivering, servicing and paying for products and services with the support of the internet, have given me an upper hand in understanding various concepts. I have been using online stores such as Jumia and Amazon to acquire learning materials. For instance, I have bought books such as Abbott Physics, topographical maps used in Geography amongst other things which are unavailable locally through these stores.

Although I have greatly benefitted in my education through the use of computers, there has been limitations that have also come with mainly the use of internet. Computer crimes such as flaming, hacking

And cracking of user accounts and documents and espionage have been difficult to deal with. Spamming in e-mail technology has also led to wastage of time and can lead to spread of virus. ICT has increased plagiarism and information anxiety due to rapid developments in computing technology.

Lack of enough facilities has reduced the effectiveness of ICT in my education. Lack of enough stand-alone computers to facilitate digital learning has led to usage of alternative method of using N-Computing which experiences a lot of challenges such as reduced processing power per user due to work overload. N-Computing has also proved unreliable as the drivers are trial versions. Therefore as a digital president, if you roll out laptops/tablets to high school students also it would greatly facilitate digital learning especially in our school and the nation as a whole thus leading to fulfilment of vision 2030. It may also give students from rural or remote areas a chance to also interact with other learners and benefit from digital learning.

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Slow and unreliable internet has reduced effective application of digital learning in my education since video chatting and effective communication cannot take place. Laying of fibre optic cables to our school would improve the internet speeds due to their high bandwidth and thus enable full utilization of digital learning facilities. It would also enhance portability without cutting internet connection.

Appreciation goes to my school which has tried as much as possible to ensure that we get the resources we require and to NEPAD for availing the same. They have even gone as far as acquiring an interactive white board and a gateway so as to improve the quality of education offered in our school. I would also like to thank my parents for offering the resources during the holidays and the government for facilitating the process to improve the level of education in the nation such as building of computer lab through the CDF funds in our school.

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Dear Mr. President,

My life as a digital learner dominantly resolves around the use microcomputers, that is; desktop PCs, smart devices such as smart phones and tablets, laptops and calculators, within and without school.

My access to the vast virtual workspace I like to call “The Digital World” is majorly confined to the few devices mentioned above- what my mother’s salary and the fixed school budget can afford to purchase, sustain and periodically upgrade however, this does not limit my exposure and experience. I can therefore be counted a reliable source.

Once I overcome the slight difficulty of learning how to operate these devices, the digital learning the experience became thoroughly refreshing. Not only does it break the monotony of classroom study but also boosts my chances at getting good grades. How? Well, the visual stimulation keeps my mind engaged for longer periods of the. Furthermore, being a visual learner, it provides more images for me to associate to memory.

The flexible, versatile nature of digital learning allows me to push past the traditionally set constraints of the rigid curriculum. In other words, I am no longer limited to text-book content. Automation of processes such as; identification and correction of grammatical errors, arithmetic calculations and logical comparisons, the simultaneous execution of tasks, the ability to retrieve data from one program and use it on another, all these and so many more features serve as catalysts. My working speed is greatly enhanced thus I am able to achieve beyond-average amounts of work within the short span of a lesson. It really does make work easier.

Beyond the physical and visual interface shared between the few devices I happen to come into contact with and I, there is a progressively growing invisible bond that sentimentally and mentally wires me to the devices themselves. This simply means that I increasingly become machine dependent even for tasks my young mind can do on its own with ease. I grow so accustomed to using machines to satisfy even the pettiest whims that it becomes difficult to detach myself from them. Detachment would leave me upset, feeling vulnerable and somewhat hopeless.

This intangible bond is forged from habit; the repetitive use of a device at fairly high frequencies. I believe this bond not dangerous, after all we are moving forward a technologically advanced future. This bond might actually be necessary. Its effects can only be positive if it is not exceedingly strong and can co-exist in perfect synchrony with other aspects of a person’s life. A state of equilibrium must always be maintained .This is a very crucial point and to a large extent forms the basis of my entire discussion.

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The human construct of body, mind and soul is a balance to maintain. Anything unhealthy disruptions to this divine order, if not immediately curbed or completely gotten rid of, can lead one's life to spiral uncontrollably downhill.

This bond I speak of. It is a force capable of tipping the scales of harmony and creating total ruin. The thought scares me because it is a concern so often overlooked. Given time and space to grow strong. The damage could be insurmountable or worse, irreversible.

The human-machine tie is further strengthened by the internet. The advent of the internet age was no glamorous event. However, as it gained momentum its popularity grew to a global scale of appreciation. There was much celebration as different people's explored new avenues of doing business by topping into an online market. Effective means of communication developed and both national and international cohesion was encouraged. Lives were literally changing with every new internet trend that came up.

One of man's glorious inventions.

The internet ceaselessly grows. Thriving on information to expand. A beast of sorts.

I am certain the initial creators of the internet had no malicious intent in mind. They did not have a grand scheme of polluting billions of minds every day. Theirs was a desire for development. It is therefore safe to say they would not be proud of how we abuse the internet. Further along the line people found a way to corrupt something made so perfectly good.

I do acknowledge the positive effect the internet has on Kenyan students/ Instant access to information is very advantageous. However, the very same internet is highly instrumental in the moral and mental decay of Kenyan youth. As young people, the internet as a drastic effect on our minds and consequently, a drastic effect on our bodies and souls. The three are complementary and will always share on unbreakable symbiotic relationship.

Unguided, Unregulated and unmonitored use if the internet is very toxic for young people. We are obviously not mature enough to sift through the voluminous content and distinguish right from wrong. Whatever comes our way, we take it in like a sponge. A child's ignorance is meant to be blissful. The state of not knowing frees it from the burden of worry. It is a gentle, docile being only if nature is allowed to take its course untrammelled. The constant feed of information, we as Kenyan children get from the internet makes us too smarty for our own good. We no longer all ourselves to be led. We become walking encyclopedias. Robbed of our childhood by a radial mental growth spurt.

In all honesty using machines for a very long time is very mind-numbing and time-consuming. The internet simply heightens this. Spending hours seated glaring at a screen in trance-like state can leave one a bit discontented and confused. If allowed to develop it can lead to lapses of memory and neglect of personal hygiene. 'Too lazy to go take a shower because I am on the net'. It can also change dietary habits as one develops a preference for quick-fix meals or junk food. Why? Well, the less time you spend in the kitchen, the more time you have to browse.

I am more than willing to use myself as an example. The more time I spend online, the less I play outside. I should be outdoors! Jumping over fences, climbing trees, chasing chicken... not seated all day. It puts strain on my back, eyes arms and neck. At this rate, I tend to think my

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spine will end up bent out of shape and I will end up slouching like an old lady before I hit age 50.

To add on that, it would take a lot of effort to comprehend what I read on the internet. At times I would end up utterly discouraged. In retrospect, most of that information did little to help. It merely slowed me down and lowers my self-esteem

On the moral aspect of it all, Depending on the nature of content I learn. There is a resultant consequence. For every action there is a reaction. Whatever I learn, especially at this time when my mind is still so very malleable, will have an obvious or not-so obvious effect. This is why there is an urgent need to filter as best as possible what I am exposed to before my mind 'hardens'

It is believed that whatever manifests itself in the physical has been developing and taking root in the spiritual slowly merging with one's being. So when an obviously bright student is dimmed: lagging behind academically, falling into the habit of drug abuse, 'ratchet' dressing, constant rebellion and using crude language, it should not simply be explained off as adolescent mood swings. It is advisable to dig deeper. Internet search histories are a very strategic vantage point. (Take a hint)

Young people with inflated egos will definitely belittle their own teachers and take their own. Loving parents for granted. I really do feel for Kenyan parents. We are very stubborn children who can vex them to a point where they feel emotionally drained. But their patience can only go so far. To further scrape the sore, we as underage citizens have no financial independence, therefore, the money we frivolously spend on the internet is not ours, but our parents'. Our parents so happen to be the Kenyan working class and when their hard earned money is wasted, they become frustrated. Frustration leads to reduced productivity of the Kenyan human resource. The grand result is a bruised economy. A great ship sunken by a small leak.

To add on that, frustration leads to impatience. Impatience leads to misunderstandings thus a rift is created in the family. The most basic unit of society is shaken. When the family is torn apart, the whole nation gradually moving toward a similar fate. A very bleak future of intolerance, suspicion and hate.

Forgive me Mr. President if I come off as a crazed alarmist but, I do believe that this raging over-use of the internet could lead to insanity. Yes the possibility is remote but it is still a possibility. You will not find it hard to believe once you consider the number of young Kenyan minds already marred and left in disarray. Very few minds are left uninflated by the slow poison of unhealthy internet use. Purity is almost non-existent. The mind is progressively crippled by filth.

Can you picture it? A whole generation of weakened minds. A dysfunctional society of rash and careless decision-makers. In simple terms, our minds are already corrupt before we are 18 years old. Picture us when we are 30 Years old, it is a disturbing thought. I hope you can now see that insanity is a possible eventuality. So many brilliant minds dulled and gone to waste. That, Mr. President, weighs heavily on my chest. On a lighter note, I would like to let you in on a little secret. The young people of Kenya are a conscious lot. We are very much aware the things we do online are wrong. If we did not know, we would not hide. Would we?

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We believe that all our dealings on the internet are well hidden from everyone except one whole company of people. The people who work for our service provider (commonly Safaricom). The only assurance we have is that they are too far to point an accusing finger! But even this is not assurance enough. Our number one phobia still remains, the dreaded safaricom main-frame computer (rumored to fill up whole rooms) and their ridiculously large memories that keep a very incriminating record of the dirty work our sim-cards have been used for since the day they were activated. Every single site visited, every single message or graphical file sent or received along a communication line, every phone call, every upload, every download... lords have mercy! This belief fuels our desire to become elite hackers, so that we can somehow access the log safaricom keeps and cleat nasty parts of it delete it altogether. The fire of ambition still burns!

Since there are so many young people wondering aimlessly on the internet, it has become a major platform of manipulation especially of the sexual kind. It is replete with sexual offenders who solicit openly. Reckless sex with multiple partners is now a widely accepted norm.

Most adults have a bird's eye view of pornography and the youth. I would like to give a new perspective; the teenage eye. What draws many of us to porn is curiosity. We would like to know what all the fuss is about. The first erotic picture, video or story hits one's senses like freight train. Then as one eases into it, it becomes exhilarating and enthralling. Then once the building urge is satisfied either by masturbation or actual sex, the view initially clouded by wants clears up. Slowly one's head comes tumbling back down to earth from cloud nine. Reality hits like a brick on the head. One is left surprised and horrified by their own actions.

It is a very demeaning habit young people find hard to break. It lowers ones sense of self-worth as one is dogged by unforgiving conscience. To make matters worse, for those who do not relieve their sexual tension, it remains pent up in them. All these thoughts in the minds of young people, barely 18 years old. It is so very wrong.

Mr. President, I have a few ideas that might cause upheaval but I would like to point out that even the bible encourages firmness when dealing with young ones. It will not kill us. It might actually save us.

One. Age restrictions on social media. No one below age 21 should have access to social media and all actively running accounts should be immediately deactivated until one is of age. Verification can be done by ID number.

The mobile messenger known as `2go` should be banned in Kenya because it has portals through which homosexuality is greatly encouraged.

Parents should be able to enforce parental settings on their children's handsets. As a matter of fact, it should be mandatory. These settings should prevent a child from viewing child unfriendly content.

I would very much like these rules to permeate into every family such that the times children are allowed to use devices are time-tabled. Hopefully, no child will be allowed to access the internet or better yet, no child will be allowed to have a phone past 9:00 pm. It will encourage us to sleep early or engage our minds in some other way.

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The solution I have in mind are all very sketchy, but they ideally focus on thoroughly probing and monitoring young people and as they use various devices. Sure it will make us uncomfortable when adults keep poking their noses in our business, but the overall result will be positive.

Digital learning has proven itself useful and a credible force for propelling Kenya toward vision 2030. Many are now losing the 'third world country mentality' and are willing to embrace modern technology. It is undoubtedly rewarding. However, I strongly maintain that for digital learning and digitization as a whole to be truly fruitful, then its disadvantage (which area national hazard) have to be addressed.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Mr President... My life as a digital learner

Mr President, my life as digital learner has been a life worthwhile. There is much that I have to say on the significance of digital technology in my education.

Your Excellency, as a learner I have profited from E-commerce through which I have been able to purchase learning materials online. Through this I usually save a lot which could have been spent if I had to go to the selling premises. All I have to do is to place an order for books and other stationery from mail order stores and they are delivered to my doorstep at a relatively low cost.

As you know, learning requires me to carry out vigorous research and fact finding. The World Wide Web has solved this through Google Search, Yahoo Search and Bing among many others. Through these, I am exposed to vast information. I can easily find solutions to my research problems by learning facts availed on the internet by qualified professionals and this aids me to adapt to the dynamic learning environment and keep up to date.

Sir, digital resources are available to me, thanks to digital technology. I no longer have to purchase newspapers on a daily basis or keep on buying text books with every new edition. Online newspapers keep me informed about news from the country and beyond. Books, dictionary and calculator, not forgetting magazines are also available on the World Wide Web. I am able to read textbooks from different publishers online through provisions like eKitabu. I am therefore in a position to compare how ideas are brought out and therefore understand them better. Online dictionary has boosted my language capabilities in both Kiswahili and English as it is easier for me to get to know the meaning and use of different vocabulary at the click of a button.

My desire to share has also been satiated through the Bluetooth technology, easy share and flash share. On Windows 8 platform, there are also others like SkyDrive, People and Mail which help me share information freely with my friends. For Bluetooth technology, no matter the physical obstacles between the communicating devices, there is only need to ensure that the two devices are Bluetooth-enabled and that they are within each other's Personal Area Network (PAN). I am able to learn a lot through the files I receive from friends.

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Mr President, with digital revolution has come YouTube. Through this, I am able to watch educative videos on scientific concepts and set books online. Internet also enables me to follow online learning programs through my laptop.

Dear president, digital technology has also revolutionized the communication technology. Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook, Skype among others enable me to communicate with friends and relatives from far and wide. These technologies are very effective in the modern world. Skype for instance enables me to have a face-to-face communication with the other party and hence the communication is very lively. Mobile phone calls and text messages have also enabled me to convey short and urgent messages with ease.

Without forgetting, we have got the electronic mail or rather E-mail. Today I do not need to carry with me holiday assignments whenever we close school. The teachers are able to send me the assignments through my E-mail account either in Google mail or Yahoo mail. Similarly I usually submit my work for marking even when I am at home. I also address official matters concerning me to the relevant person through E-mail. Whenever I am late for reporting back to school, delay in fee payment or whatever matter it is, I can easily communicate this to the school administration through the school E-mail address. This has saved the cost of writing and sending letters which are as well unreliable.

Sir provision of mass storage devices like flash disks, DVDs, External hard disks and Blue ray disks enable me to back up information I have amassed from the World Wide Web. These devices are removable and hence portable. Their efficiency has enabled me to learn anywhere and at any time.

As you know Your Excellency, learning requires me to have a reliable way of keeping record of my academic progress and carry out self-evaluation. Through Microsoft Access, I have designed a system that automates this evaluation, thanks to digital technology. Using queries I work out grading and comments for the academic reports. The system therefore saves my time and also provides me with a basis of 'What if analysis'.

Contrary to what we had in the olden days, today I need not to buy a graph book. GeoGebra is all I need. I simply have to get the provision of a computer with this application in order to carry out all my graphical constructions with much ease. This has made geometrical concepts like reflection, similarity, enlargement, rotation and translation to be but just a walkover, thanks to digital technology.

On religious affairs sir, I do not have to worry whenever I need a bible. I easily get spiritual nourishment through online bible. I am able to read the Bible in different versions and languages. I am also able to access Bible lesson guides online without any difficulty.

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Truly, digital technology has done a lot in transforming my life and I now stand at a position to see my dreams come true. Your Excellency, I beseech you that you may empower me together with other Kenyan youth to soar to great heights through modern technology. I believe technology used in a constructive way is the secret to a successful society. Otherwise, thank you.

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KWA MPENDWA RAIS...MAISHA YANGU KAMA MWANAFUNZI WA KIDITALI

Mpendwa Rais, mimi mwanafunzi wa kidigitali na mzalendo wan chi hii tukufu ya Kenya nina furaha na bashasha si haba. Kwanza kabisa, kwa moyo mkujufu ningependa kukupongeza na kukupa heko kwa kunifaa. Sio mimi tu bali hata na wanafunzi wengine wa kidigitali. Tunakuvulia kofia kwani unatuwezesha kupiga hatua kubwa na kukwea vidato vingi katika ulimwengu wa kidigitali.

Nakumbuka wakati ambapo nililazimika kubakua vitabu na hata kamusi ili kutafuta maana mwafaka ya neon moja tu. Ilikuwa inachosha kwa sababu hata vitabu hukinzana kwa njia moja au nyingine. Hivi sasa kupitia mtandao wa google nina weza kutafuta neon kwa sekunde kiduchu. Zaidi, ninaweza kutafuta tafsiri ya maneno kutoka lugha ya kiingereza hadi Kiswahili kupitia safu ya swahilihub.

Ulimwengu wa kidigitali umenipa fursa ya kukaza lugha tukufu ya Kiswahili. Imeniwezesha kujiunga na chama cha Kiswahili cha mtandao almanifu CHAKI254. Hiki ni chama ambacho kimeniwezesha kukuza Kiswahili na hata kimenisaidia kuimarisha matokeo yangu katika somo hili. Nimejifunza mengi kuanzia lugha, misamiati na hata fasihi.

Mtu ni watu kwani mtu pekee hashui jahazi. Ulimwengu wa kidigitali umenipa jukwa ya kuzungumza na wanagenzi wengine walio katika sehemu zingine za nchi. Nimepata fursa ya kubadilishana mawazo na kujifunza mambo mengi kuhusu elimu. Haya yote kupitia mitandao ya kijamii. Waama, dunia imekuwa kijiji kidogo kwa sababu ya teknolojia.

Sasa hivi ninaweza kupata vitabu vingi vya kusoma kwenye mtandao. Vitabu ambavyo vinaweza kunisaidia kuimarisha matokeo yangu. Hata hivyo, kuna kanda za vitamu za vitabu vya mtalaa kama vile kidagaa kimemwezea. Ninapozitazama filamu hizo, kuelewa kitabu hicho huwa ni rahisi sana kinyume na hapo awali. Aidha, haya yote yanainoa na kunitia makali ili niwe na ujasiri wa kukabiliana na ulimwengu nikapohitimisha kisomo changu kwani elimu bila amali ni kama nta bila asali.

Hata hivyo, wenzangu ambao wana studio za kidigitali shuleni mwao ambamo mwalimu anaweza kuwafunza wanafunzi akiwa majilisini mwake. Hivyo kumwezesha kuwafunza wanafunzi wa idadi kubwa. Hata kwake, imeimarishwa. Mojawapo wa shule hizo ni shule ya upili ya wavulana ya Kabarnet.

Rais mtukufu Huru Kenya, ningependa kukushukuru kwa kushirikiana na idara ya elimu ilikuhakikisha kwamba wadogo wetu walio katika shule ya msingi, watapata fursa ya kusoma somo la kompyuta. Hili ni wazo bora sana kwani hii ni njia mojawapoya kuwasaidia kukabiliana na mabadiliko yaletwayo na teknolojia.

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Mpendwa Rais, najua unafahamu fika kuwa chungu huijikwa moto ukishawaka. Kuna wale wanafunzi ambao wameishia kutumia vibaya vyombo vya teknolojia. Mfano, kuna wanafunzi ambao hutazama filamu na picha zisizofaa licha ya umri wao mdogo kwenye mtandao. Jambo hili huzorotesha maadili na tabia ya wangezi hao. Ni nani asiye jua kuwa tabia ni kia cha mwili maadamu ni ngozi unaweza kuwa ngumu kubadilishwa?

Kando na wanafunzi mara nyingi tumeshuhudia watu ambao wanawahadaa watu kupitia mitandao na hata kuzua hafu. Kuna wale wana watishia wenzao maisha yao. Jambo ambalo si nzuri asilani kwani wao ndio wanaovuruga mambo mazuri ambayo yanaletwa na ulimwengu wa kidigitali.

Kutokana na kuletwa kwa studio za kidigitali shuleni, kuna walimu wengi ambao wataishia kulaza damu kazini. Wanafunzi hawatapata fursa nzuri ya kuigiliana na walimu wao moja kwa moja hivyo basi kuongeza pengo katika uhusiano wa walimu na wanafunzi wake moja kwa moja.

Ninasaidika kuwa kila kitu kina dosari hata mwanadamu si mkamilifu ndio maana tunastahili kuhesabu mazuri yaliyoletwa na teknolojia. Tunafaa kujifunza kutokana na na hayo kwani elimu ni bahari haina mwisho na wala sio kuwakasifu.

Kabla sijafika ukingo nina ujasiri kusema kuwa hivi sasa ni la kupendeza kuona kuwa matokeo ya mtihani ya kitaifa inapatikana mtandaoni. Hivi basi mtahiniwa halazimiki tena kwenda shuleni ili kupata matokeo yangu. Hata usijali wa watahiniwa hufanywa kidigitali. Na hayo yote ni maendeleo ya taifa.

Bila kusahau, hata mashindano haya niliyajulia mtandaoni na hata unawasilishwa mtandaoni. Kinyume na hapo awali ambapo ingenibidi nitumie anwani ya posta, sasa natumia tu baruapepe. Hata mashindano ya uandishi yameamia digitali.

Ninapafika ukingo, shukrani zangu zikuendee Rais kwani ningekuwa muwa, ningekutengenezea sukari lau ningekuwa ziwa, mazi yangu ungekunywa. Kama Mungu anavyopenda wanadamu, mhubiri anavyo penda waumini na mwezi anavyopenda jua kwani humuwezesha kung'aa ndivyo ulivyodhihirisha kama baba wetu wa taifa, unatupenda sisi wanafunzi wa kidigitali. Mwenyezi Mungu akupe mbawazi njema kwa sababu wewe ni wahedi katika mitihani. Asante.

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SWALI: KWA MPENDWA RAIS...MAISHA YANGU KAMA MWANAFUNZI WA KIDIJITALI.

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Kwa mpendwa Rais...Maisha yangu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali yameuchukua mkondo mpya tangu kuidhirishwa kwake, Kuwa mwanafunzi wa kidijitali siwezi kusema kuwa kumeifaidi mimi tu bali pia wanafunzi wengi nchini. Yakini, maisha yangu yameuchukua mkondo mpya, nayo yamenitia azma ya kutia bidii masomoni. Hii ni afueni kwangu na kwa wanafunzi wengine ambao wamo kwenye safari ya kuyajenga maisha yao.

Kugura kutoka kwa sekta ya kale ya kimasoma hadi kufikia umbali huu wa kidijitali kumekuwa na faida si haba. Aisee! Maisha yangu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali yametoka katika kiza na kuwekwa katika mwanga utakaoniwezesha kutimiza ndoto yangu ya kuwa mtu wa faida kwa jamii yangu katika siku za halafu. Baadhi ya mambo yanayochangia mimi kuwa mwanafunzi wa kidijitali ni walimu, shule yangu na mandhari ninamoishi.

Tangu mfumo wa dijitali kuingia katika ulingo wa masomo, makongamano ya sayansi yamekua kwa kiasi kikubwa. Kabla ya mfumo huu, makongamano haya yalikuwa adimu au niseme tu yalikuwa mithili ya wali wa daku. Wanafunzi walipojitosa katika uwanja wa dijitali kwa kutumia tarakilishi katika utafiti wao, wengi wao walifaidika na wanazidi kufaidika. Ingawa bado sijapata fursa ya kujiunga na makongamano haya, kuna mafunzo ninayopata kutoka kwa vipindi hivi ambavyo hunisaidia kukuza alama zangu katika masomo ya sayansi.

Kati ya matatizo yanayoniandama kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali ni mtandao. Mtandao huu wakati mwingi hunifanya kuwa mvivu katika kufanya ganye za darasani na za ziada. Ninapokuwa nyumbani, mara nyingi hujipata nimeviyasi vitabu vyangu na kuitwaa simu ili kuingia mtandaoni kwa takriban siku nzima. Kinachoshangaza zaidi ni kuwa, hata ninapoonywa na wazazi wangu, hujipata nimenyapia simu na kuitumia huku nikiviziarizia nisipatikane. Tabia hii hupoteza muda mwingi wa masomo.

Tatizo jingine ni shinikizo la hirimu ambalo limeathiri si mimi tu bali wanafunzi tumbi nzima. Ningependa kujihimiza na kuwahimiza wanafunzi wote kuwa, tuna satua ya kujiokoa kutoka kwenye bahari hii haraka iwezekanavyo. Tusisubiri kuimbiwa wimbo wa kuyachuja maisha yetu kwani tumejaaliwa akili razini ya kujua kinachofaa na kisichofaa. Wenye lugha walisema, gogo la mbugu si la mvule.

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Ningependa kutoa shukrani zangu chekwa kwako Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya, mheshimiwa Uhuru Kenyatta kwa kazi aila unayofanya na serikali yako. Siwezi katu kuuweka ukarimu wako kwenye mizani niupime uzito wake kwani haitowezezana. Juhudi unazozifanya kunisaidia kuyainua masomo yangu kutoka kiwango kimoja hadi kingine, nakuahidi ya kuwa hazitakuwa za bure bilashi. Ni tayari katika mwendo wa kukwangura alama murua ili kulisaidia taifa letu.

Kuwa mwanafunzi wa kidijitali ni fanaka kwangu. Wale wote ambao hawajapata fursa ya kusoma kidijitali, wasione hawafai kwani, kila likuepukalo mja, lina heri nawe!

Ningependa kusema kuwa vipindi vya televisheni na redioni vinavyopeperushwa hewani katika stesheni tofautitofauti nchini vimenisaidi si haba. Mfano aila ni kipindi kinacholetwa kila siku ya Jumamosi runingani, kiitwacho 'kamusi ya Changamka' katika kituo cha televisheni cha QTV, chenye watangazaji wakwasi wa lugha ikiwemo Wallah bin Wallah na Muneno Nyaga. Mfano mwingine ni kwenye rungoya katika stesheni ya Radio Citizen kiitwacho 'Bahari ya Lugha,' chenye watangazaji mahiri kama vile Hassan Mwana wa Ali. Vipindi hivi haviburudishi tu bali pia vinanisaidia kuikuza lugha ya Kiswahili.

Tangu kuwepo kwa matumbuizo kutoka kwenye video, muziki na sanaa za maonyesho yanayolenga kuwafundisha wanafunzi elimu ya vitabuni na ya maisha, imenisaidia kwa kiwango kikubwa. Waigizaji wanapoigiza ukumbini, maonyesho haya huwa na mnato akilini yanayonisaidia kukumbuka mtiririko wa hadithi na riwaya. Maonyesho haya pia hunisaidia kuyajibu maswali katika riwaya tunazotahiniwa katika mitihani.

Waliamba weledi wa lugha kuwa, kizuri hakikosi ila. Nami basi singeweza kukwepa kutaja walakini wa kuwa wanafunzi wa kidijitali. Afueni iliyoko ni kuwa, ila hizi si nyingi zikilinganishwa na faida zinazotokana na mfumo wa masomo ya kidijitali. Niseme tu ni kiasi cha kuweza kugandamizwa na walimu na wanafunzi wote nikiwemo mmoja wao. Ninachamini ni kuwa nikijitolea mhanga kujiepusha na kasoro hizi, mwishowe nitafaulu.

MAREJELEO.

- (i) Mtandao.
- (ii) Matukio yanayojiri shuleni kila siku na kila mwaka.

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Kwa Mpendwa Rais,

MINT:MAISHA YANGU KAMA MWANAFUNZI WA KIDIJITALI

Nina furaha kuu kwa uzima na ubuheri wa afya. Matumaini yangu kwamba umzima. Pokea salamu zangu za heri na fanaka. Ningependa kuchukua fursa hii kama mwanafunzi wa wa kidijitali kukuelezea jinsi masomo yalivyoboreka shuleni mwetu kidijitali, najiona kama mgomba kwenye chemichemi ya maji tayari kunawiri.

Masomo siku hizi yamepeperushwa hewani na yeyote anayetaka kusoma basi anaweza kusoma wakati wowote, mahali popote bila hata kitabu wala kalamu. Siku hizi simu nyingi za mkononi zimeboreshwa na wavuti ndani ambapo unaweza kufungua mtandao wa 'google' na ukaandika swali pale ama kitu chochote kile ambacho unahitaji maelezo zaidi kukuihusu, kisha papo kwa hapo unaletewa jawabu moja kwa moja. Walimu wa lugha hawakosekani, pia wamo mitandaoni katika www.dictionary.com, utapata kamusi ya kingereza inayoeleza na pia kukupa matamshi sahihi, (Tazama paneli la kiswahili na kizuu cha binadamu katika somo la bayolojia.

Mimi hununua mjazo kwa simu kisha hununua 'bundle' ya intaneti; ambazo hizi ni pesa zinazoweza kutumika wakati ninataka kutukia intaneti pekee yake. Kwa mujibu huwa basi wanateknolojia wametoa vipakatalishi ambavyo vimekuza teknolojia kwa matumizi ya intaneti na wizara ya elimu pia ikaona ni heri kila shule hapa nchini kenya ipate vipakatalishi toshelezi ili wanafunzi na hata walimu ambao hawana uwezo wa kununua rununu zenye wavuti wakaweza kupata elimu hii ya kidijitali. Ndio maana somo la kopyuta likanuiwa kufunzwa katika kila shule ya upili Kenya na hata katika shule za msingi.

Ninaingia hewani, siseme ninapotea

Kompyuta mkononi, kazi inanitendea

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Intaneti niko ndani, kweli nasherehekea

Nimetokea gizani, nahamia dijitali

Kwa sasa shuleni kwetu matumizi ya tarakilishi yamenoga sana kwetu sisi wanafunzi na hata wlimu. Kompyuta zimetumika katika uandishi na kuhifadhi data ambao kwa wanafunzi huwa ndio umechuka asilimia kubwa katika maisha haya ya kidijitali. Kwa sasa mimi kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali haina haja niandike kwenye vitabu bali huandika kupitia kompyuta kisha nikimaliza kuandika nakala hiyo kuhifadhi kwenye kifaa cha kuhifadhi nakala: 'Flash Disk' hiyo basi kumwezesha mwanafunzi kusoma popote alipo aendako na kwa wakati wowote ilimuradi tu kuwe uwepo wa kipakatilishi kwa sababu kifaa hiki cha kuhifadhi nakala mbalimbali ni wastani na unaweza kutembea nacho popote utakapo.

Shule yetu pia imedijitika sana kwa sababu wanafunzi kutoka shule nyingine hutembelea shule yetu ili kupata elimu hiyo ya kidijitali. Wanafunzi kutoka shule nyingine basi sisi ndio huchukua jukumu la kuwafundisha kuonyesha umahiri wetu katika somo hili la kompyuta.

Vile vile vipakatalishi sana walimu hasa wa Historia. Walimu hawa hutumia mitandao kama vile 'Google na Youtube kutazama video za mambo yaliyofanyika kale kama vile vita vya kwanza na vya pili vya dunia na hatimaye huchukua video hiyo kutaka mtandaoni na kuifadhi kwa disketi ama vifaa vingine vya kuhifadhi nakala kielektroniki na mwishowe humsaidia mwalimu katika kufundisha kwa sababu wanafunzi wanapotazama kanda hiyo huwapa uwezo wa kutathmini haraka matukio yaliyotokea hapo kale.

Walimu wetu siku hizi hupeperusha mitihani ya kila mwisho wa muhula kupitia wavuti wa shule yetu; malindihighschool.ac.ke nifikapo nyumbani hufungua wavuti hiyo na kudurusu maswali yaliyomo. Pia shule yetu haipokei pesa taslimu bali wazazi wanapohitaji kutuma karo hutuma kupitia M-Pesa au kuweka kwa benki bora tu uwe na namabri ya akaunti ya shule na unapofanya hivyo basi, pesa huingia moja kwa moja kwa moja kwa shule.

Kwa sababu ulimwengu wa sasa ni wa kidijitali katika shule nyingi matumizi ya kalamu kwa chaki yamepungua kwa kiwango kikubwa sana kwa sababu walimu siku hizi hutumia kompyuta pamoja na projekta baadala ya kuandika ubaoni na chaki ambayo hata mara nyingi huzusha magonjwa mathalani pumu na kikohozi. Kwa hivyo basi ni ombi langu kama mwanafunzi wa kidijitali Bwana Raisi Uhuru Kenyatta nakuhisi kuongeza vipakatalishi shuleni ili kwa mwanafunzi aweze kupata masomo haya ya kidijitali na kuweza kuishi kidijitali: Ndio maana mwito wetu ni Soma! Soma! Tunaenda dijitali.

Tamati nimefikia, jamvi langu nalikuja

Dijitali nahamia, karibu kwenye uwanja,

E-kitabu nasifi , kwa kutoa hino hoja,

Nimetokea gizani, nahamia dijitali