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In my personal opinion the standard of present day education is very poor indeed, there are many reasons for my opinion. The main one being that the formation of large centrally located schools do not have the feeling and friendliness between teacher and pupil which usually occurs in small local schools, usually they have so many pupils that they are unable to involve themselves with individual pupils which I think is very important as this encourages the pupils to involve themselves in their education, instead of being impersonal, faceless types of character who is merely regarded as another number in the register. In the modern day large schools, discipline is very important but sadly, today in many schools this is regarded as an old fashioned principle, many teachers complain of unruly behaviour, but many of the teachers have the wrong attitude towards their pupils, especially as many teachers think that by humiliating children this is punishing them, but my opinion is that you cannot get respect and understanding from someone unless you respect and understand them; also many teachers are unfair in that they do not encourage the slower pupils to work harder but ridicule them in front of their classmates which has a damaging effect on the pupils' morale, which in turn affects the standard of work, which creates a vicious circle of resentment and content between the teacher and pupil.

Many modern schools do not encourage their pupils to wear a school uniform, which in my opinion is very important, as by wearing of a uniform weaker pupils more equal and have a pride in their appearance, the appearance of many teachers today leaves a lot to be desired, how can teachers expect pupils to be clean and smart in appearance when many of them do not set a good example. In spite of all things mentioned a good reason for a good education in today's youth lies with their parent's attitude and encouragement towards the education of them. Many of today's parents seem to have a carefree attitude towards their children and cannot be bothered with their children's educational and personal problems. A child and pupil should be able to discuss any educational problems but sadly this is disappearing along with many other important things.

Society also has a major role in today's education, many pupils feel that a good education is worthless because when they leave school they have no hope of finding a good job.

When you are a pupil you are told that if you work hard and leave school with a good education you will have a good prospect for employment, but sadly today many pupils are all too aware of the economic situation of this country and the mass unemployment which accompanies the situation of today, so it's easy to see why many of today's youth have no heart for education and think they are wasting their time at school.

Long live Scargill, may he reign for XXX many years.