

Education has been played an important role in every country in the world. But, each country had their own ways to educate the students. According to searching the Internet, I found out the differences between the education of the UK and Vietnam.

Age

In British, the kids start their school at the age of 5 and finish at 16. There is a big difference in Vietnam. In Vietnam the kids go to school at the age from 6 to 18. And here are the stages that they have to pass.

Stages	England	Vietnam
Kindergarten	0-3	3-5
Primary school	4-11	6-11
Secondary school	11-16	12-15
High school	-----	16-18

Curriculum

In the UK, they have different curriculum. For example, England and Wales are National Curriculum. Scotland and Ireland are others. The core subjects in the National Curriculum are: Maths, English and Science – are compulsory for students from 4 to 16. When the student at the certain “Key stages”, there are more foundation subjects: Art & Design, Citizenship, Design & Technology, Geography, History, Information & Communication, Technology (ICT), a foreign language (such as Spanish, French, etc...), Music and Physical Education (PE). Also, some subjects are optional not include in National Curriculum like: Religious Education (RE) and Sex Education.

From the Northern to Southern of Vietnam we have the same National Curriculum. We use the same books and study the same subjects. Students at primary school learn: Maths, Vietnamese, Natural and Social, English, Civic Education, Music, Art, Physical Education, Information Technology; Geography, History (grade 4 and 5). Secondary and high school contain these subjects too. But, Natural and Social change to Biology, and they have some more subjects: Physics, Design & Technology; Chemistry (from grade 8 up to grade 9). Religious Education and Sex Education which students can study by themselves if they like, they aren't compulsory.

Holidays

In UK: The school year runs from September to July and it's 39 weeks long. In many areas divides the year into 6 terms. However, some still follow the tradition of three terms per year. There are one-week holidays called “half-term” at the end of October, mid-February and the end of May. This is the time students can relax after a hard-working term. Moreover, they have three main holidays: two weeks at Christmas, two weeks at Easter and six weeks during the summer. Of course, students are really caese, stop studying.

In Vietnam: The school year lasts 36 weeks long, from September to the end of May. Because all over the country studies National Curriculum so their holidays and terms are the same. The year is divided to 2 terms, the first term is longer than the second term. There are two main holidays: Tet holiday and summer holiday. Tet holiday starts at the first day of the lunar month and Vietnamese people have it for 3 days. Some next day, in some areas, they called them in the Tet too. But, correctly the three first day are the right. Summer holiday is the best time for students to relax, but usually, they only play most the first month or half-second month, then, they come back to study. Of course, not in their school. It's in their centre or maybe at their teachers' house.

School life

UK: Schools in UK are high-equipped. They have own rooms for each subject. And, students can borrow and use the equipment in their school easily. All things they have to do is go the Flexible Learning Centre in the morning and collect what they need. Every student uses a swipe card and swipe it into every lesson which is let the school know that they have attended. Moreover, everyone have the opportunity to join the clubs. There are many choice for them: Maths,

Drama, Chess, etc... Besides, they can have lunch or dinner at school in the school canteen, and they can bring their packed lunches from home if they like. On the other hand, they have Care, Conderaton, Courtesy and Community Centre which help the students if there are problems.

In Vietnam, schools only have different rooms for: Information Technology, Physical Education. The other subjects they study at their classroom. They can't borrow the tablet PCs or use computers because they are all for in-class and they are really few.

Although the education of UK isn't as similar as Vietnam but Vietnamese is trying their best to have the great education for students. The education in Uk is good but they have a little mistake. Because of these reasons, we all have to fix our deficiencies to become better and better.

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