Composition – Notes

Topic: "The importance of computers in school is overestimated." Do you agree?

Title: We Don't Need No More Computers

Introduction:

MTG plans to put one computer into every classroom – question arises: aren't other things (new board, curtains, painted walls etc.) more important? In my opinion importance of c. in school overestimated.

Main part:

First of all succesful teaching and learning is based on human communication.

– only a human can e.g. paraphrase tasks and/or explanations so that students understand

– computer programs may be very patient but they cannot respond individually

Secondly putting one computer into every classroom is simply ridiculous.

– What is teacher supposed to do one PC for ca. 30 students?

– useless without projector (not: ~~beamer~~) (but far too expensive)

– if computer can't be locked away it will be broken soon

Finally school should promote speaking skills.

– especially in language lessons sitting in front of a PC means being silent

– in today's big classes much more important that students have as much speaking time as possible

– students sit long enough alone and silent in front of their PC and TV at home, school should not reinforce that "autistic" behaviour

Final paragraph:

– All in all computers useful tool to enrich lessons, but two well-equipped computer rooms are enough

– far too expensive to put one PC (with projector) into each classroom

– more important: new OHPs and/or boards, current textbooks, better/friendlier library