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SCOPE **TRANSITIONAL**

UNCERTAINTIES

Values, Systems

MEGATRENDS

Future Humanity

TRENDS

Artificial Intelligence
Future of purpose & work
Generational & cognitive Diversity
Human–Human
Transforming Education

SECTORS IMPACTED

Communication Technologies & Systems
Consumer Goods, Services & Retail
Data Science, AI & Machine Learning
Education
Government Services
Health & Healthcare
Immersive Technologies
Art, Media & Entertainment
Professional Services
Travel & Tourism

What if wisdom was taught?

SCHOOL FOR WISDOM

Schools are transformed with wisdom-based education programmes, fostering culturally informed reasoning and skills to tackle complex challenges posed by emerging technologies for both young and old.





WHY IT MATTERS TODAY

The rapid development of advanced machine intelligence makes it likely that a great number of jobs that rely on human intelligence will be displaced or replaced over the coming decades. By 2027, digitalisation is expected to displace 26 million administrative jobs worldwide in roles such as accounting,⁴⁶⁶ and the ability to synthesise information and knowledge may be less critical or no longer necessary.

As a multifaceted concept, wisdom involves diverse capacities and competencies and is evident in decision-making and action in complex social situations.⁴⁶⁷ Increasingly relevant in an era of quantum shifts,⁴⁶⁸ wisdom is the positive aptitude to make judicious decisions at the appropriate moment and the ability to deal with, through an integral viewpoint,⁴⁶⁹ complex challenges associated with both societal shifts and emerging technologies.

Wisdom includes the capacity to regulate emotions, manage social behaviours and relationships, be self-aware, balance decisiveness and uncertainty, and advise others.⁴⁷⁰ Intelligence or knowledge without wisdom leaves people less equipped to make complex decisions in their lives.

As the world grows increasingly more complex and interconnected, scientific, societal, and technological challenges and spill-overs will seemingly require sophisticated solutions⁴⁷¹ and wisdom will be more important than ever.



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Progress in wisdom research, together with advances in neuroscience and psychology, enable wisdom-based education programmes and new models of learning and education. Fostering human wisdom enables decision-making that is focused on societal and environmental betterment, aligned with real-world contexts.

As schools prepare students for higher education by teaching them how to acquire and synthesise knowledge, the essence of learning in universities has been about bridging the gap between knowledge and practice in industry.⁴⁷² As societal challenges demand more than just knowledge acquisition and job-related knowledge, models of education are redesigned with approaches that underscore the importance of wisdom.

While traditional knowledge-based education focuses on the transmission of data, information, and knowledge, wisdom-based education integrates ethical considerations, stakeholder values, emotions, and insights and acknowledges the fallibility of knowledge.⁴⁷³ An educational framework that fosters wisdom development becomes central to making wisdom accessible.

BENEFITS

Wisdom-based decision-making ensures humanity's adept response to increasingly complex societal challenges.

RISKS

The underlying conceptual model is too complicated for implementation, loses relevance, or does not align with the wider approach to policy development. Completely overhauling education systems and ensuring teachers possess the necessary traits and skills to be able to teach wisdom are significant challenges.

