**SWOT ANALYSIS ON THE USE OF ICT (SUMMARY)**

ICT helps both teachers and students to make teaching and learning more interesting and it would be useful to use it in combination with other teaching methods.

Strengths of ICT use are the following:

* ICT helps students study subjects using a wide range of sources
* most students are ready to learn new skills
* the use of technology prepares the students for the world of work
* the development of students’ skills to use ICT for their lifelong learning activities
* most teachers have ICT skills
* the teachers have the chance to plan short, timed, tightly focused activities
* the teachers see the main difference between a traditional and computer based lesson (saving time, motivating students)
* ICT helps students with disabilities
* ICT helps both students and teachers realize that teaching and learning are interactive processes

Weaknesses are:

* ICT is used for teaching only some subjects (Informatics, Mathematics, Biology, Statistics, Bookkeeping, Typing)
* some teachers hesitate to use ICT
* not enough resources /computers for each classroom
* financial problems

Opportunities of ICT use are:

* students have a chance to present their work in a style that suits them
* integrate ICT with all subjects, so this could replace or be combined with traditional teaching methods
* encourage active cooperation of school and businesses, public and private sectors, as well as the local community and Government bodies, in computerization

These are the threats that the teachers may deal with when problems occur in the use of ICT:

• cost
• training
• damage
• distractions
• safety
Those threats of ICT in education are rather costly. The investment into the equipment and teacher training is useful, but also expensive. If the equipment gets damaged, there are high costs of repairing. Distractions such as the internet, computer games and email are a great threat as well. There is also the question of safety and risks regarding privacy, personal information, viruses and similar.

ICT will probably never replace the teacher. ICT is a very useful teaching tool, but it will give out only what we put in. The results depend on us.