

David's story

A teacher's perspective



Hi, I'm David Huntingford

I am the Headteacher at William Ford Junior School in Dagenham. Our motto is 'Purposeful learning, engaging activities'.

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With the iOi Schools Programme everything was provided for us; the resources, teacher training and all the information we needed for the workshops. Pupils got a real hands-on experience of being creative and linking different subjects together, working collaboratively to bring about a desired outcome. They loved it. Working with the iOi has given a purpose to our learning through critical thinking and creativity.

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