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Life at Engayne Infant and Junior School

I started at Engayne Infant School in 1978 at the age of 5 years old. When I first attended, the school building and playground areas seemed so big. I do not remember my first few teachers, but I do remember the ones I had after that as they were so friendly. Here is a list:

Infant Years

Mrs Shay

Junior Years

Mrs Deal
Mrs Crudgington
Mrs Hutt
Mrs Bryant

Every day was structured well and started with registration followed by an assembly. I particularly enjoyed the Physical Education Mathematics lessons.

My favourite teacher during my time at Engayne was Mrs Hutt. Mrs Hutt Specialised in PE and I recall in summer term, we were very much always outside playing sport and enjoying the sun. Every opportunity she had to get the class involved in PE, she did.

Upon leaving Engayne, I was selected to attend The Cooper's Company and Coborn School in Upminster. I moved from being one of the oldest at Engayne, to being one of the youngest at my new secondary school. The transition was daunting, but I soon overcame my fears. Some of my friends at Engayne attended Cooper's with me and my older sister was already in the sixth form there. I quickly made new friends and grabbed the opportunities that the secondary school offered me.

I attended the Judo Club at the school, trained hard and within after 7 years of Judo training gained my black belt. I entered many competitions and represented the school in this sport and was eventually awarded school colours.

The years at Cooper's quickly passed. I obtained good GCSE grades and also good A level grades. Whilst studying in the sixth form, I was successful in my application to become a Metropolitan Police Cadet and also for gaining a place at university to study mathematics.

At the end of my years at Cooper's I made the decision to defer my university place for 1 year and doing the Metropolitan Police Cadets. In the police cadets I had the opportunity to study new subjects at college like law, psychology and policing society to name but a few. I also carried on my love of sport whilst there.

When I graduated from the cadet school, I had another choice. Become a warranted police officer or take my place at university. I now had a love of policing and became a full time warranted police officer.

During my time with the Metropolitan Police I have worked mainly as a detective in volume and specialist crime. This has been interesting and very rewarding. I have now served in protecting the people of London for 28 years investigating crimes ranging from burglary / robbery to homicide. I am now a Detective Sergeant and am one of the lead investigators responsible for investigating fatal and serious injury road traffic collisions.

As well as working as a police officer, I continue my interests in sport. I am a qualified endurance running coach with England Athletics and I very much enjoy keeping fit. I have also returned to education - as it is never too late. I am now completing my mathematics degree which I was supposed to do 28 years ago at University and am well on my way to obtaining this qualification.

I am due to move on from the Metropolitan Police Service in 2 years time, and I now have aspirations of working in the field of education and teaching mathematics.