



Case Study

Olga Primary School, Tower Hamlets

'Thumbs up' for end-to-end project to design, manufacture and install teaching walls for London primary school extension and refurb.

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A major project to design, manufacture and install 24 teaching walls for a Tower Hamlets school required close collaboration with client, architect and contractor.

Working directly with the end-user client ensured a deep understanding of the complex project requirements, while careful project management aligned installation with the main contractor's programme of construction.



Client: Olga Primary School and Tower Hamlets Council

Architect: Architecture Initiative

Contractor: Higgins Construction

"The quality of the teaching walls is excellent - very robust - and the teachers are very impressed with the design, the functionality and the storage. It's a thumbs up from us. We'd definitely use the Boyco range again."

Understanding Client Needs

Boyco have many years' experience designing and manufacturing fixed furniture and fittings for educational establishments. Our products have been developed to meet the varied needs of teachers, support staff and pupils. However, every project has unique characteristics, which can only be identified by 'getting under the skin' of the brief.

When Tower Hamlets Council embarked on a £10m project to extend and refurbish Olga Primary School, we liaised directly with school staff to understand their needs. We designed, visualised and created digital 'mock-ups' of bespoke teaching walls for 24 classrooms – and spent time working with our client to refine the designs... right down to the colour scheme.



Improving the teaching experience

The new primary school replaces a single-storey 1982 structure with a vertical design to maximise space in a tight urban location. A light-filled atrium divides separate buildings for teaching and administration, with facilities tailored for use by the wider community outside school hours.

It was a complex project and, therefore, important for Boyco to liaise with the main contractor from day one to ensure our teaching walls would align with the M&E and data infrastructure. We also managed our installation project carefully to ensure coordination with other trades on a busy site.

When complete, the teaching walls provided ingenious storage, screen and presentation combinations on one wall - perfect for the smaller classrooms. We also designed, manufactured and supplied 18 sink and workspace units and have since been commissioned by the school to undertake other smaller pieces of work to improve the teaching experience.

