

## MEET THE EXPERT

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**Rafael Gomez**



# ENGAGING THE DISENGAGED

Of all the challenges that schools have to face, there can be few as frustrating or as difficult to deal with as a disengaged, disaffected student. We all recognise the characteristics - the refusal to complete (or even start) tasks; the challenging behaviour; the loud open defiance; the avoidance of challenges; the unwillingness to take risks; the refusal to follow instructions.

Unfortunately, there is no magic wand here. There is no secret formula you can try out in the classroom that will miraculously convert the disengaged student into a model student. However, the first step to engaging such students is definitely trying to establish what lies at the root of the disengagement. In this session we will explore it from an ACEs and Mental Health perspective.

This session will take place on  
**Wednesday 30th November 2022**  
From 4.00 - 5.30pm

**WEBINAR**



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Rafael Zaragosi Gomez is a Deputy Headteacher at Woodbridge Park. He is the Head of the CATE centre and the DSL. He holds two bachelor's degrees in education and a master's degree in education.

Mr Gomez has international experience working in Spain and Morocco as a teacher. He started his career at Woodbridge Park as a teacher first at the KS3 site before progressing to the role of Assistant Headteacher at KS3. He was then promoted to the position of Head of the Centre at CATE in September 2021.

He is, without a doubt, committed 100% to trauma informed and attachment approaches and works well with colleagues at all levels to fully understand the learner and the triggers behind behaviour. He believes that positive relationships are the driving factor to encourage the pupils to achieve, regardless of their ability or background.

This training is free to HEP member schools.

Booking details will be shared in due course. If you require any further information please contact [info@hounsloweducationpartnership.co.uk](mailto:info@hounsloweducationpartnership.co.uk)