



Clare Atkinson

Development Director

Dr Challoner's Grammar School

Clare has over 20 years' experience working in development across a range of organisations in both the charity and education sectors. Since 2008 she has been Development Director at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, a boys' State Grammar school with a co-educational Sixth Form located in Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

In this time, she has set up a development office and firmly embedded a culture of philanthropy within the school. There is a thriving annual fund and a number of successful capital campaigns have seen a new sixth form centre, improvements to classrooms, rebuilding of the cricket pavilion, replacement of the astro-turf, and refurbishment and extension of the music department. The most recent campaign which took place during COVID raised funds for two new chemistry Laboratories, together with the refurbishment of the existing spaces.

She has also relaunched and rebranded the schools' alumni offering; alumni now play an active role in the life of the school with a flourishing mentoring programme for Sixth Form Students now in place. We are currently planning for a major fundraising campaign to coincide with the school's 400th anniversary in 2024.

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