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After completing a BA in Modern History at the University of Oxford, Emily spent two years at Buffalo Fundraising Consultants; working with clients from universities, schools and colleges on all aspects of their regular giving and telephone fundraising strategies and delivery.

From there, she joined Highgate School, initially as Development Officer. Within 5 years, she was Development Director, and was proud to see the school raise over £10m – for bursaries, and for their sibling school, the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham – and to grow a culture where fundraising, and its impact, was celebrated and integral to the school community.

Since late 2022, Emily has been at the Harris Federation, a MAT with 52 primaries and secondaries, educating 1 in 40 of London's children. As the first person to hold the newly created Head of Fundraising position, it is satisfying to see the strategy take shape, come into fruition and – of course! – yield returns.