



Dr Emma Styles

Head of Development

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Emma is the Head of Development at Colyton Grammar School in East Devon and has responsibility for alumni relations, fundraising, events and marketing. She was appointed to start up the Development Office in 2016, on a part time basis.

Emma has built up a network of alumni, with regular communications on social media platforms, hosting reunions, gala dinners and more recently engaged with regular one to one calls with alumni. The first appeal launched in the depths of Lockdown 2020, fundraising £111,000 to deliver the one student one device policy, making Colyton Grammar School one of the few state schools that supply each student with a laptop when they start school. This appeal was the first to bring in the Parent's Association in alignment with the Development Office ask. Following on from this, in 2022 we successfully raised £138,000 towards the resurfacing of the Astro pitch and installation of new LED lights – the largest appeal for the school to date.

Emma is passionate about sharing what can be achieved through a limited budget and part time appointment in state secondary schools. The importance of building a culture of philanthropy and networking to provide outstanding education for students.

Prior to this Emma worked in the Development team at the University of Exeter as well as a smaller local food charity, and before this worked in Academia.

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