



Rachel Robinson

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Rachel is the Alumni and Development Officer at the Duke of York's Royal Military School (Dukies) in Dover, Kent. A co-educational state boarding school with a rich military heritage.

Rachel has been at the school for two years and this is her first role of its kind, having previously worked in state secondary education for 16 years in various administrative roles, including Executive Administrator to the Senior Leadership team, as well as to the Pastoral and Academic departments.

Rachel has a personal connection to the school from her own time as a boarder at a nearby school and she counts a number of the alumni as her friends from that time. They all share one thing in common – their fathers were serving members of the armed forces. The school was originally founded for sons of soldiers in 1803, until opening to tri-services in the 90s, taking in girls of military families in 1994, and then becoming an academy for all in 2010.

Rachel has been able to connect with the alumni in a way that others may not, as she fully understands why the alumni care about their school, their passion and their close-knit community as well as understanding the bond they all have, and this is largely due to the military background of the alumni.

Rachel has been on a steep learning curve since starting in the role and has been extremely busy building a website for the alumni to connect and engage as well as launching and completing the most successful fundraiser the school has ever engaged in, raising £150,000 for the renovation of the clocktower, in 6 months. The most the school had raised prior to this was £20,000!

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