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John Claughton was a pupil at King Edward's School, Birmingham between 1969 and 1975 and was Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham between 2006 and 2016. In between, he studied Classics at Oxford, played cricket for Warwickshire CCC, worked at NM Rothschild & Sons, taught Classics – and cricket – at Bradfield and Eton and was Headmaster of Solihull School. At King Edward's School, he introduced the International Baccalaureate Diploma and raised £20m from alumni, half for bursaries, half for capital projects. During that time, the school won national and international awards for fund-raising and for Outreach. Somewhat surprisingly, he was chosen as Tatler Head of the Year and won the TES Independent School Lifetime Achievement award in 2016. He is now Senior Counsel at Graham Pelton Consulting, governs four schools. His book on accessibility and fund-raising in the independent sector, commissioned by ISC, AGBIS and IDPE, is published in January 2020.