



## **Daphne O'Connell**

### **Development Director**

### **Summer Fields School**

Daphne began her career working in Theatre in a variety of marketing roles at The Bloomsbury Theatre, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith and The Royal Opera House. Daphne continued to work as a freelance marketer while her children were small before moving into education and finally into fundraising when she joined Merton College in 2008 as Fundraising Officer. Daphne joined Summer Fields in 2011 as Development Director with responsibility for fundraising and alumni relations. In her time at the school, she has masterminded two capital campaigns; *150 Years and Beyond* and *The Next Chapter* raising a total of £6m for the school. She was also responsible for the school's 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2014 and recently launched an online alumni platform with Toucan Tech. As someone who relishes a challenge, Daphne is now planning the next campaign to raise £10m for bursaries.

