

Elinor Wood

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Elinor is a fundraising professional with experience in both the arts and education. Highlights from her years with the London Mozart Players and Fairfield Halls include: organising a major donor dinner at Buckingham Palace hosted by HRH The Earl of Wessex, securing funding for a theatre project to tackle knife crime, and achieving a significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards an archive and oral history project. The life of a fundraiser is nothing if not varied!

After three years at Trinity School in Croydon, she joined Ardingly's Alumni, Development & Archive office in 2019. One of Ardingly's defining characteristics is the strength and vibrancy of its community, which brings together pupils, parents, Old Ardinians and staff. The Alumni, Development & Archive office is dedicated to fostering meaningful connections with this community, empowering philanthropy, and preserving the College's history. Education is transformative and as a fundraiser she finds that inspiring and motivating.