



IDPE Schools' Award for Ambition and Progress

(Development within the school has been established for five years or less)



Bede's School – The Bede's Community, Together we can Transform Lives

We set out to create a cultural shift, embedding development into the very heart of our school community. We went from raising around £10,000 annually to over £400,000 in the 2022-2023 academic year, established the school's first Development Office and created a separate charity, the Bede's Development Foundation. The school's vision "Where every child finds joy in their pursuit of brilliance." is the purpose of our development work and our values of "Compassion, Courage, Curiosity and Conscientiousness" drove us to focus solely on 110% transformational bursaries.

Our development work proves our ethos is a living and breathing part of everything we do. Our aim was to inspire every individual to be an advocate and give our community the confidence to drive our fundraising forward through tailored training and regular updates to every member of staff; through Pupil Voice, PHSE, assemblies and committees led by our Prefects. We used our 'Make a Difference Day' as the basis for our Giving Day and Foundation Launch, inviting every member of Bede's to actively support us. These events and our whole Trust reunion grew our database from 2,000 to over 10,000 constituents, increasing our number of donors to over 600.

Supporting materials

[Applicant Transformational Bursary Booklet](#)

[Donor Impact Report 2022-2023](#)

[Donor Transformational Bursary Information Booklet](#)

[Our Journey in Our Words](#)