

## IDPE Schools' Engagement Campaign of the Year

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



Warminster School

### **Warminster School – 50 Years of Co-Education Celebrations and Archive Renovations**

During our 50th-anniversary celebration, our goal was to engage new alumni and expand our relatively modest database of 1000 alumni. This historic occasion marked the merger of Lord Weymouth's School and St. Monica's School, uniting alumni, parents, staff, and friends. Notably, we had not previously engaged with St. Monica's Old Girls, and we were eager to bridge this gap.

Our event commenced with an inviting afternoon tea, fostering an atmosphere of laughter and lively conversations. Alumni reconnected, rekindling old friendships while exploring the school's evolution through engaging tours. A heartfelt reunion was held for the St. Monica's girls, complete with special cakes, group photos, and personalized tours.

However, what truly set our event apart was the renovation and unveiling of our archives room and exhibition. Breathing life into our school's history through this exhibit, we captivated our audience with historical documents, photos, and memorabilia. This commitment to preserving and sharing our heritage resonated with existing alumni and attracted new faces, expanding our alumni network.

A service of thanks in the St. Boniface Chapel, mirroring the one from 50 years ago, provided a moment of reflection and connection, grounding us in our shared history.

The pinnacle of the evening was our inspiring Black-Tie Gala Dinner featuring guest speakers. Aurea Jones, daughter of the headmaster during the merger, shared her memories. Sara Symington, Warminster School alumni and Olympian, recounted her remarkable journey, while Olympic gold medalist Alex Danson shared the highs and lows of her Olympic experience. This event successfully engaged new alumni, expanded our database, showcased our commitment to preserving history, and drew in both existing and fresh faces to celebrate and connect.

### **Supporting materials**

[50 Years of Co-Ed Plans- Staff Information](#)

[A few Testimonials](#)

[Archive Renovation to support the 50 Years of Co](#)

[Celebrating 50 years of Co-education - video](#)

