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Melanie first worked in development in a Cambridge college in the late 1990s. She then specialised in marketing and communications for the cadet forces for over a decade, before joining The Portsmouth Grammar School as Development Director in 2013. After completing a far-reaching overhaul of the development function, she launched a long-term bursary fundraising appeal, overseeing a successful regular giving programme and leading all major donor work. She devised and led the school's first Giving Day in March 2021 which raised £280,000 for life-changing bursaries in 36 hours. Further major gifts secured in the months after the Giving Day combined to make 2020/21 the school's most successful fundraising year on record.