



Clare Atkinson

Development Director

Dr Challoner's Grammar School

Clare has over 20 years' experience working in development across a range of organisations in both the charity and education sectors. Since 2008 she has been Development Director at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, a boys' State Grammar school with a co-educational Sixth Form located in Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

In this time, she has set up a Development Office and firmly embedded a culture of philanthropy within the school. There is a thriving annual fund and a number of successful capital campaigns have seen a new Sixth Form Centre, improvements to laboratories, rebuilding of the Cricket Pavilion, replacement of the Astro Turf and refurbishment and extension of the music department. The school is currently working on plans to celebrate the schools' 400th anniversary with events and fundraising in 2024.

She has also relaunched and rebranded the schools' alumni offering; alumni now play an active role in the life of the school, with a new mentoring scheme about to be launched on line to support students.