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Rachael has nearly 20 years' experience of fundraising within the Independent Schools sector working at leading schools and charities in the UK and Australia. As a proud state educated girl she is driven to try to readdress paradigms of inequality within education by breaking down barriers, challenging preconceived ideas and creating opportunities for meaningful collaboration and learning for all.

Rachael's role at St Edward's has grown from one of pure fundraising to that which shapes all community engagement, charitable initiatives and increasingly a large focus and investment in partnership activity.

Before joining Teddies in September 2019 Rachael was Head of Fundraising at Eton College and prior to that Marlborough College and Melbourne Grammar School, Australia. She has also held Trustee posts at the Windsor Learning Partnership (a multi academy trust of eight schools in Windsor and Maidenhead), the Scouting Association, her local church and now at Fulham Reach Boat Club (which provides access to rowing across State Schools and Prisons in London.) She is also a Governor at Lord Wandsworth College which is a proud Foundation School supporting children who have lost the support of one or more parents through bereavement, alcohol, drugs or prison.

Rachael has a love of all things sporty and outdoors and is often finding new challenges to test herself physically and mentally. These often involves the local community bringing people together from all walks of life for shared experiences and fundraising for great causes.