

Case Study: **Secondary school, UK** 

Project: **Strategic Marketing Plan** 

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This school, despite being located in an affluent catchment area, faced the issue of empty school places. Low awareness, strong competition from both state and independent schools, and a lack of a distinctive story after having accumulated multiple messages over the years but feeling stuck on which to prioritise. Uncertainty about the most effective marketing channels, a reactive rather than proactive approach, and extremely limited time further compounded their struggle to attract more pupils.



## Our Approach

- Developed key marketing messages based on USPs.
- Optimised the marketing mix.
- Enhanced the Open Morning experience for prospective parents e.g. created a branded school map; pupil engagement; clear signage; premium hospitality; branded giveaways etc.
- Captured data and executed follow-up communication activity.



## 3 The Results

After years of declining numbers, the school welcomed **17 extra pupils**, generating **an additional £680,000 in annual fees.** This is a huge leap forward. Open day attendance soared from just 30 to an impressive 200, turning curiosity into action.

Better yet, a **super-strong identity** took hold, with staff and pupils confidently sharing the School's new key messages. Even the Chair of Governors couldn't hide their delight at the transformation.

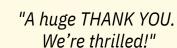






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