



**Prospectus**



## Our School

Hamilton College is more than a school – it is a journey – a journey in education, in developing talents and gifts and in creating self-belief.

Hamilton College is a non-denominational Christian Independent school for children and young people from the ages of 2-18. The school encompasses Nursery, Junior and Senior levels generating a truly ‘family’ atmosphere for the individual as they journey through the school.

We provide a challenging, inclusive education for all, with class numbers restricted to ensure that adequate time and provision is accorded to the individual pupil. This philosophy promotes excellence in the individual in their preferred areas of learning.

Our Vision and Purpose underpin all that we aim to do at Hamilton College. Our Vision is that by inspiring children, together we can change their future, shape society and make an impact on our world. Our Purpose is to be a centre of excellence in education, where children are encouraged to develop their own unique pathways preparing them for life and work and to excel in a changing future.

# Our Campus

The school sits in 17 acres of grounds comprising woodland, sports fields and recreation areas and also benefits from stunning views over Hamilton Park Racecourse towards Strathclyde Country Park.

The Nursery, Junior and Senior school are all based in a single building. This benefits our children and young people greatly - allowing for seamless transitions and also the use of whole school facilities by all age groups.

Our pupils come from a wide area and travel to school by car, public transport or one of the school's own bus services.



# Our Vision & Purpose

The Hamilton College Vision & Purpose is a fundamental part of life for every member of the Hamilton College Family. Our Vision (where we are headed in the long-term - that point on the horizon that we are travelling towards) and Purpose (what we seek to achieve in the day-to-day, everyday) are an integral part of the journey at Hamilton College whilst our Values (the principles that shape our organisational environment) and our Foundation (the Christian ethos on which the school is built and through which we advance our Faith) are the principals that lie at our core.

At Hamilton College, we aim to inspire and excite each and every pupil and aim to provide them with the foundations and support to thrive and we aim to give them the confidence to develop their skills to the very best of their



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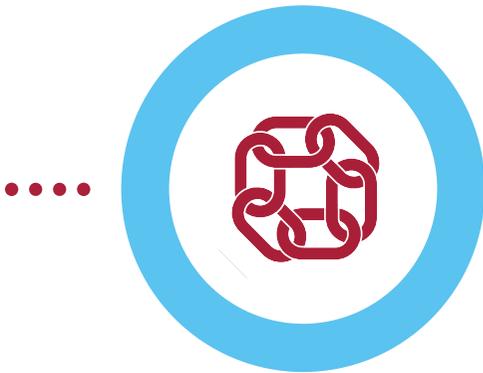


## OUR PURPOSE

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abilities. We believe that if we can do that, then we can change their future, we can change how they influence society while at school and after they leave, and indeed how they make and will make an impact in the world. That is our Vision for every child. Our Values (Grace, Confidence, Wisdom, Innovation, Compassion and Reflection) define and shape what we stand for as a school and the educational environment that is provided.

Our Faith Foundation is our solid root. Hamilton College is a Christian school – it was founded to advance the Christian Faith through excellence in education. It is upon God that we rely and it is from God that we seek guidance, support and direction. As a Christian School it is our absolute privilege to be able to discuss that Faith with our pupils, parents and colleagues and to evidence that Faith in all that we do. If our pupils leave Hamilton College with an understanding of what it means to be Christian, with our Christian Values having shaped their character and knowing that they can turn to God at any point – now or in the future – then we are truly blessed.



## OUR VALUES

Grace  
Confidence  
Wisdom  
Innovation  
Compassion  
Reflection



## OUR FOUNDATION

To Grow in the grace and  
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Jesus Christ. II Peter 3:18

# Our Facilities

Beyond the classroom, our sporting, musical and community facilities are extensive and are used throughout the school by pupils of all ages.

Teaching facilities include well-equipped science laboratories, computer suites, a technology / engineering room, practical areas for music, a well-resourced library, studios for art and design and a photography dark room. Our 750 seat auditorium is frequently used for whole school assemblies, concerts, theatre productions and wider school and community events.

Onsite sports facilities include hockey, rugby and football pitches, an all-weather pitch, two gymnasia, a sports hall and a 25m indoor pool.

Our dining hall provides a bright setting in which to enjoy tasty and healthy meals.





## Our Staff

Across all areas of the school we have an experienced teaching cohort who bring a passion for learning and individual development into their classrooms. This is backed up by specialist support staff.

We speak about the 'school family' where all our staff provide a stimulating, caring and nurturing atmosphere for our children and young people.



## Our Nursery

The journey at Hamilton College starts in the Nursery - a place where families, carers, children and staff all want to be!

Every corner of every defined space has an identity and purpose, and provides opportunities for a variety of learning experiences. Staff carefully organise the space to allow for small and large group projects and also intimate spaces for one, two or three children to focus on specific activities. Our Hamilton College Nursery philosophy values play as an instrument in stimulating and shaping child development and early learning.



Through planned and spontaneous play experiences, children form relationships, share, cooperate, develop self-control, test ideas and friendships, extend their range of experiences and form associations amongst things, events and concepts.

Included in the Nursery timetable is a daily specialist lesson with either a Senior School tutor or outside coach.

The Hamilton College Nursery is open for children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

# Our Junior School

The journey at Hamilton College continues into Junior School - a vibrant learning hub, dedicated to recognising, building on and celebrating the individual's strengths and talents. The Junior School team has your child's wellbeing and academic success at the heart of all they do.

We encourage all pupils to learn actively, to ask questions, discover answers and share their learning articulately. Our pupils grow in confidence and enthusiasm as they progress, taking responsibility for their own learning. We believe the Primary years of a child's school life to be integral in their educational journey.

A strong foundation in the mastery of concepts and skills in Literacy and Numeracy, alongside developing creativity and critical thinking skills, is our priority.





Whilst focusing on skill development we also encourage our pupils to accept challenges and take risks. Pupils learn why taking risks is important, and understand that through challenges and making mistakes, deep learning takes place.

Class sizes are small. Our team of dedicated and inspirational class teachers is complemented by support assistants and pupil support-for-learning teachers. We also have an educational psychologist who works with our pupils on an individual and collective basis.

All Junior School classes are taught collaboratively with a partner teacher. This initiative allows teachers with a particular passion or interest to focus on specialist subjects. Currently, each class have a specialist Literacy or Numeracy teacher and depending on the stage, specialist Art, Technologies, Science or RME lessons.

We are proud of our transition process at Hamilton College. We have a system that operates year-round and focuses on the acceptance of all as being an important part of the Hamilton College family. Incorporated into their weekly timetable, J6 - J7 also participate in weekly Maths and English lessons with Senior School teachers. J7 pupils will also operate on a Senior School timetable one day a week. This provides them with the best preparation for the rigours of S1 ensuring pupils are familiar with and ready to make the move to Senior School.

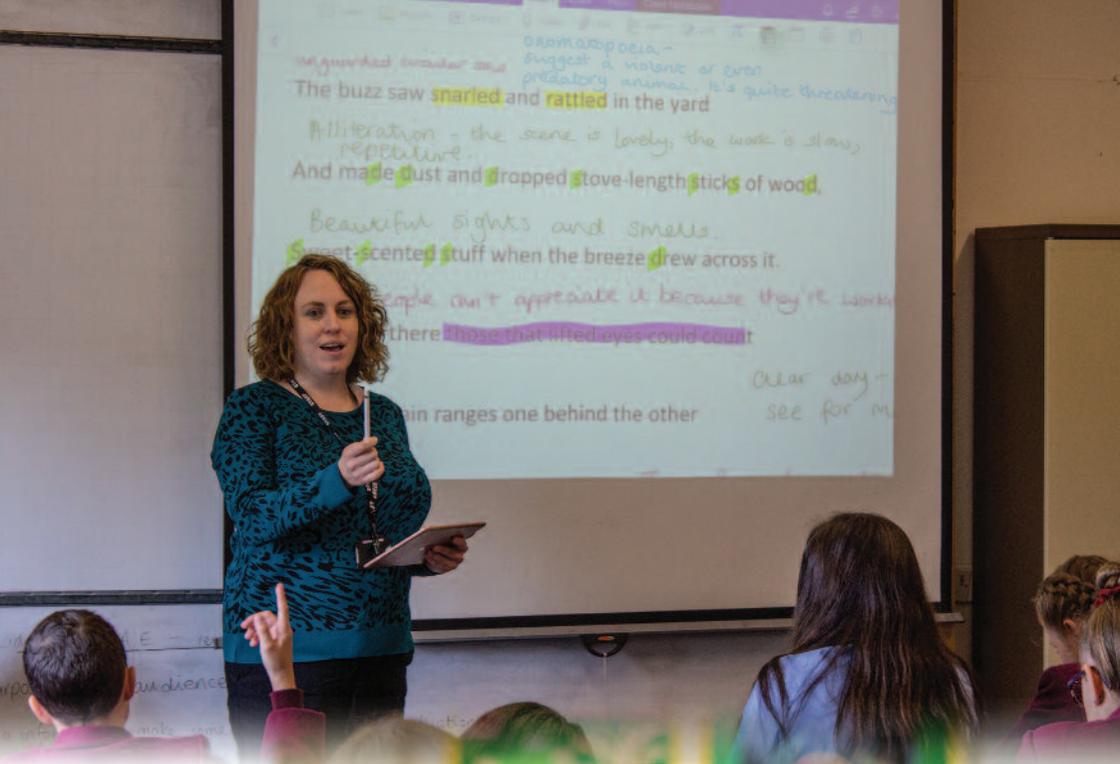


## Our Senior School

As your child's journey progresses into the Senior School, the lessons are designed to be engaging, dynamic and challenging – promoting critical thinking skills through collaborative and independent learning. Our young people are encouraged to develop enterprising, problem-solving and team working aptitudes. There is an emphasis on traditional academic disciplines, such as a firm grounding in Literacy and Numeracy.

In S1 and S2, our curriculum is broad and varied, providing excellent academic foundations for later study of certificate subjects. The pupils are offered Business, Engineering and discrete Science courses as well as Social Subjects, Music, Art, PE, Maths, RE and Languages. This strategy allows the individual a variety of educational experiences and encourages them to think beyond the more traditional academic routes.

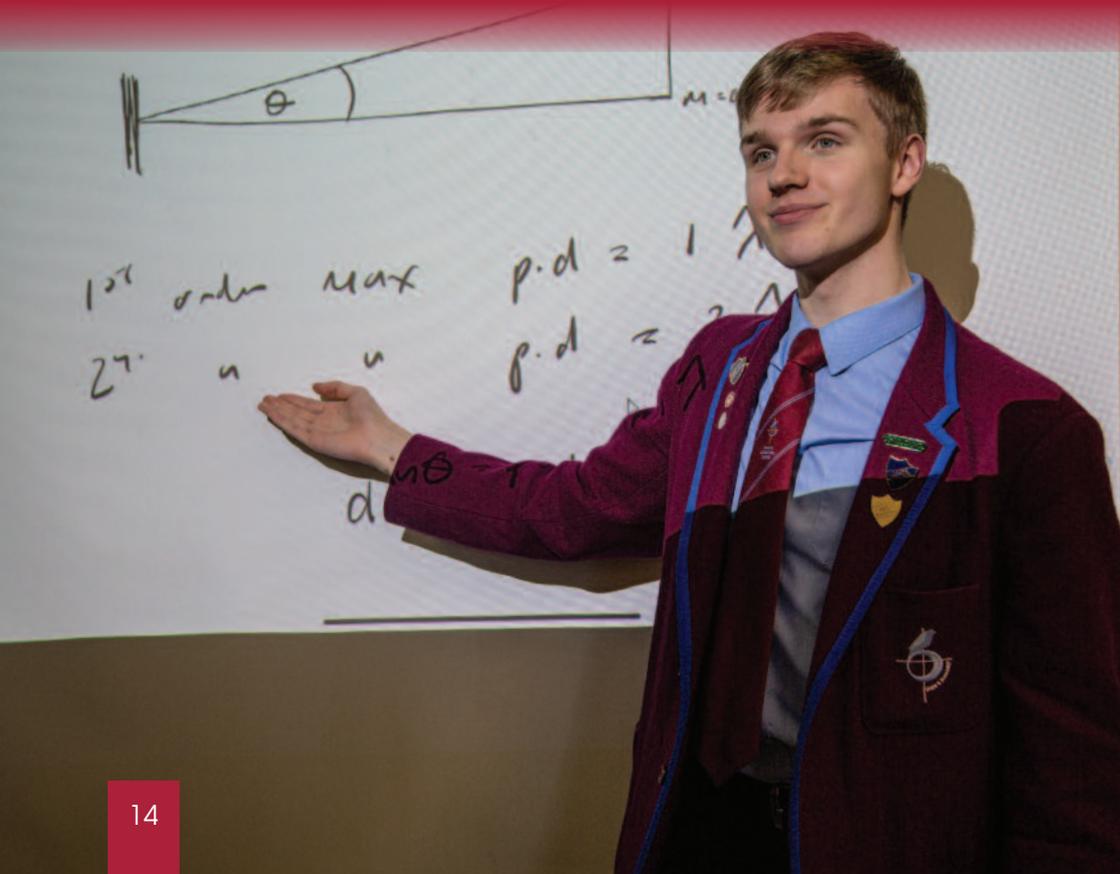
In S3 and S4, most young people work towards SQA National 5 examinations studying a wide range of eight or nine National Courses. Mathematics, English, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS) and core PE are compulsory subjects at this stage. Pupils also choose three other subjects from a variety of subject options. Supported Study classes are provided in all subjects as necessary.



# Our Upper School

The final stage in the Hamilton College journey, being Senior 5/6, is essential preparation for Higher Education and the world of employment and career development, as young people study for a broad framework of SQA Highers and Advanced Highers. In S5/6, pupils learn to take personal responsibility and interest in their own progression, to think for themselves, and to develop independent learning.

We always have a strong showing in exams, achieving extremely high percentage pass rates. Perhaps more important than the results alone is the knowledge that the individual has been encouraged to achieve the best results for their abilities in areas of learning that highlight their gifts and talents.





## Our Pastoral Care

Caring for your child is at the heart of what we do. We understand that while you have high expectations for your child and want them to do well, foremost you want them to be happy.

Hamilton College is a community where we value each individual and encourage care for one another. We recognise that growing up today brings pressures and challenges and we aim to support your child through that, so they become more confident, resilient and able to achieve their potential. Staff work with pupils and families to ensure that children feel valued, heard and able to give of their best. Our doors are always open to pupils and parents for help or advice.



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# Letter from the Chief Executive



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Hamilton College is part of me, it is in my blood – I have been a pupil, a parent, a Governor, Chair of the Board, a member of the Senior Leadership Team, and now as CEO, I am working with the whole school community to lead the School to new heights.

My first experience of Hamilton College was as a 10-year-old pupil on the school's very first day of opening in 1983, a school that had been founded to promote the Christian faith through excellence in education.

As a parent of two daughters who have attended the school from J1, I have experienced the school from a very different angle.

As a Governor and eventually, Chair of the Board, I gained insight to strategic school development, long-term planning and the myriad of skills, experiences and resources that are essential to the delivery of today's excellence in education.

Latterly, as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, I worked and continue to work with a hugely committed staff group. I have seen the dedication that is required to create a stimulating, innovative environment in which the pupils are supported and encouraged not only to excel academically but to build values and faith within themselves.

My remit as CEO is to effect significant change within Hamilton College, developing, agreeing and implementing a business and organisational plan to meet the needs of our strategic vision and to establish the foundations for the school to meet its aims and ambitions over the horizon of the next 5-10 years.

The first step in this has been a review of our Vision and Purpose. This exercise looked at how we continue to deliver an excellence in education that will be relevant in tomorrow's world and drew on the experiences and expectations of staff, pupils and parents.

Our Purpose is to be a centre of excellence in education, where children are encouraged to develop their own unique pathways preparing them for life and work and to excel in a changing future.

Our Vision is that by inspiring children, together we can change their future, shape society and make an impact on our world.

Along with our core Values of Grace / Compassion / Reflection / Confidence / Wisdom / Innovation and our Faith Foundation "...to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ...", our Vision and Purpose will guide us towards the future of excellence in education.

This is where we, as a school community, are headed. We are creating an outstanding school for our pupils; we are continuing to develop Hamilton College as centre of excellence in education and ultimately in creating a truly inspiring educational environment for all.

Yours sincerely,

**Katie Morton**  
Chief Executive Officer



# The Story of 'Grace and Knowledge'



Our school badge is inspired by the scripture 'to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

**2 Peter 3:18**



## **In addition to the words 'Grace and Knowledge' our badge features three other elements:**

### **The Bird**

Based on a sparrow, the bird illustrates two passages in the Bible which relate to the idea of God's Grace. From all the birds of Palestine that Jesus could have used to emphasise God's common Grace, He chose the lowly sparrow over the lark, eagle or dove. This symbol is fitting for Grace because Jesus said "you are of more value than many sparrows." We want our pupils to think about this, especially when they experience times of difficulty; that they can be anchored in and have confidence in God's love. The bird also symbolises freedom – the freedom to be yourself.

### **Two Circles**

In 2 Peter 3:18, we are commanded to "grow in Knowledge" as well as Grace. The scripture verse significantly places Grace first as without Grace, Knowledge can so easily lead to pride or despair. Only God has complete Knowledge because He is All Knowing. Divine Knowledge is eternal because it reflects His character and this is what the large circle means. Human Knowledge is finite and must correspond to God's Knowledge of Himself and the world. We are to "think God's thoughts after Him" and that is what the small circle represents.

### **The Cross**

The Creator who watches over the life and death of the lowly sparrows was also at Golgotha when Jesus cried out "Father forgive them...". The cross is therefore, the central image of God's saving Grace because it is where the incarnate Son takes our condemnation upon Himself so that we can find a full pardon for our sins through His atonement. It offers and achieves eternal life for all who believe. The cross weaves through the other symbols in our badge as a reminder that, at Hamilton College, the Christian faith underpins all that we do.



# Location and Transport





## Location and Transport

The campus is located on the outskirts of Hamilton, easily accessible from the M74 and M8. The provision of bus transport, onsite car parking and a location close to train links, allows for easy commutes from all parts of Glasgow, Lanarkshire and beyond.

The school offers a bus service to and from school on luxury coaches. There are various routes covering Lanarkshire and beyond (Lanark, East Kilbride, Bargeddie, Mount Vernon, Crossford, Ferniegair, Cleland, Newhouse, Airdrie, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth, etc.). Full details are available on the school website. These routes can be altered on reasonable request from parents.



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## Art

Art plays a vital role in the life of Hamilton College. The *raison d'être* behind the whole curriculum is to nurture talent in response to the comprehensive beauty that surrounds us in the handiwork of creation. Nursery children experience Art as a reflection of their learning. Junior School pupils choose and explore an extended range of media and technologies to create images and objects along with creating and presenting work that shows developing skill in using the visual elements and concepts.

As the pupils progress further into the Senior School their creativity increasingly enriches their own personal development by helping them record the world around them and generating ideas that they can communicate with their own distinctive voice. Each stage is designed to help pupils grow in confidence; they are encouraged to keep sketchbooks as a space for introspection and reflection.

We have been regularly successful in national art competitions such as the Kelvingrove Art Gallery Schools competition and the Friends of the Royal Academy Award. We have also regularly featured in the Glasgow Art Club exhibition.

Many pupils go on to study at one of the four Scottish Art Schools or the prestigious Royal College of Art in London. Former pupils have achieved first class honours degrees and won prestigious national prizes. There are many others working as graphic artists, product designers, interior designers, architects, textile designers and community artists.



# Music





## Music

Walk down the corridors of Hamilton College at any time and you will hear music – from the Nursery through Junior and into Senior School, experimentation with and self-expression through music is encouraged.

We offer a vibrant, relevant and coherent music curriculum to all children from Nursery to the end of the Advanced Higher Course. Pupils learn how to perform, improvise, compose and interpret music using their voices as well as a wide range of instruments. The teaching rooms are well equipped and offer modern as well as traditional approaches to learning. A well-resourced music technology room allows those with a creative streak to exercise their talents and engage with the SQA Music Technology course. There are also numerous opportunities to participate across the wider curriculum. Ensembles, choirs and orchestras cater for a wide range of abilities and interests.

Our specialist music tutors provide one to one instrumental tuition throughout the school for our pupils, many of whom are highly successful in The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and Trinity College London examinations.

For those whose interests lie in musical theatre there are regular opportunities to participate in full scale school shows. The school auditorium is a superb facility with state of the art projection, sound and multimedia capability. Past performances include school editions of popular West-End shows including *The Lion King Jnr*, *Les Misérables* and *Hairspray*.

Our Young Musician of the Year competition, Chamber Music evenings, Service of Lessons and Carols, and concerts throughout the year offer pupils a broad range of performance opportunities. Our occasional overseas tours further promote the arts in exciting local and international settings.

Many of our former pupils go on to be practicing musicians, instrumental and music teachers and performers, giving back to society some of the joy they experienced whilst a pupil here at Hamilton College.





## Sporting Life

At Hamilton College, from ages 2-18, sport is an integral part of the school journey. We pride ourselves in developing pupils' gifts and talents in PE and sport both during and outwith classes. We also recognise there is more to sport than "being the best"; we encourage team work, and by providing a wide range of sporting activities and opportunities we aim to develop self confidence in all.

Our sporting facilities are unrivalled in the local area and include a 25m indoor heated swimming pool, an all-weather sports pitch, nine tennis courts, full size football/rugby pitches, two gymnasia, a multi-purpose games hall, core fitness room and PE classrooms. Having these facilities onsite maximises the time we have in lessons and clubs to ensure high quality learning, teaching and coaching is delivered. All pupils, from Nursery to S6, use these onsite facilities.

Throughout the years, pupils from Hamilton College have enjoyed tremendous sporting success in local and national tournaments. Trophies have been won in various sports including hockey, netball, dance, athletics, badminton, cross-country, football, golf, swimming and tennis. Our annual Sports Dinner celebrates these successes and rewards pupils for their efforts, hard work and commitment. Many of our former pupils have become highly decorated sports people.

Hamilton College is also proud to have a partnership with the Michael Jamieson Swim Academy (MJSA). Michael is a Glasgow born Olympic Silver medallist and his coaches lead swimming sessions in PE classes. The swimming pool, along with the partnership with someone of the calibre of Michael, sets Hamilton College apart from all other independent schools in Scotland.



# STEM



# Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Hamilton College understands that today's career opportunities are changing and we therefore promote a wide range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities for the entire school.

In 2018 Junior School launched its STEM focused initiative - the Makerspace. This is a dedicated classroom for STEM learning that includes a wealth of resources from basic supplies, to Lego, construction materials, technology and robotics. Pupils are encouraged to design, create, evaluate and share. Working across a variety of topics, pupils discover the delights of creation and experimentation and the joy of sharing their learning. Pupils also participate in the annual Scottish Young Engineer award in which prize winners in two primary categories were Hamilton College pupils.

We teach discrete Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics) to all S1 & S2 classes through subject specialists. Pupils can choose to study from one to three Sciences in S3-S6. We also offer Advanced Highers in all Science subjects.

In Senior School, our Technologies curriculum is geared towards Computing Science and Engineering Science, providing an introduction to both through our Innov8 course for S1 & S2. Like the Sciences, pupils can study both Computing Science and Engineering Science from National 5 to Advanced Higher.

As well as excelling in Mathematic exams, our pupils have attended Maths Masterclasses at the University of Glasgow as well as participating in a variety of Mathematical competitions.

In addition to the coursework, we offer a range of other STEM opportunities including Masterclasses for Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry at the Glasgow Science Centre and also through SCIS at Heriot Watt University. Our pupils also enter STEM competitions such as the RSC Chemistry Top of the Bench, RSC Scottish Schools Analyst Competition, Salters' Festival of Chemistry and others.

We have created a STEM group through LinkedIn for former pupils of Hamilton College who are working in STEM related careers. Members of the group contribute to the school through classroom visits, talks, and support at careers events. Our ambition is to grow this group and encourage Former Pupils to mentor current Hamilton College pupils and those who are beginning their studies and careers in this specific pathway.



# Teaching Excellence





## Teaching Excellence

An integral part of a pupil's journey is the stimulating, caring and supportive environment created for them by our teaching staff. We have dedicated and experienced teaching staff who bring passion to what they teach.

Meet Mr Alan Wilson. Alan has worked in Hamilton College for over 30 years. He has developed the Art department and turned it into a powerhouse of creativity – with many former pupils now working in major roles within the Art world, including careers in film and animation.

Alan inspires. He inspires staff and pupils alike. He engages people with the Arts in a deep and profound way, helping those under his tutelage to see the world in which they live through fresh eyes, recognising the divine inspiration behind it all. His humour, intellect and faith stir those around him to consider their place and purpose. It is no wonder that the vast majority of Alan's Advanced Higher pupils receive grade A awards.

What makes Alan special is that he is a practicing artist which he believes is intrinsic for any Art teacher. Over the years Alan has exhibited his art work in both individual and joint exhibitions, including ones with his longtime friend and world renowned painter Peter Howson. Alan also teaches portraiture at the Glasgow School of Art one night per week.

All these activities are grounded in Alan's Christian faith and are an extension of it.



# Fees



# Nursery

The Nursery Fees are inclusive of 5 specialist tuition sessions per week, such as Music, PE, Gymnastics, Drama and French.

The Nursery is open term time only. Fees are charged per school term. During school holiday periods a Nursery Activity/Sports Club operates. This is bookable by parents as necessary and charged separately.

Weekly Session	Weekly Rate
Full Time Place (8am to 6pm, 5 days, including hot lunch)	£155.00
Daily Session	Daily Rate
Full Day Session (8am to 6pm)	£36.00
1/2 Day Session (8am to 12noon or 1pm to 5pm)	£19.00
Lunchtime care including hot lunch	£5.00
Additional Aftercare (5pm to 6pm)	£4.00

# Junior & Senior School

The school charges tuition fees and other costs which are conveniently divided into 12 equal monthly installments, payable by Direct Debit. Free supervision is available from 8am - 9am in Junior School and Senior School. Free supervision for Senior School is also available in our Library from 3.45pm until 5pm.

## Junior School Fees

Year	Annual Tuition Fees	Monthly Tuition Fees	Meals Per Month	Levy Per Month	Total Monthly Cost
J1 & J2	£8,806.50	£733.88	£56.25	£32.50	£822.63
J3	£9,205.11	£767.09	£56.25	£32.50	£855.84
J4-J7	£10,614.15	£884.51	£65.00	£32.50	£982.01

## Senior School Fees

Year	Annual Tuition Fees	Monthly Tuition Fees	Meals Per Month	Levy Per Month	Total Monthly Cost
S1 & S2	£12,341.46	£1,028.45	£65.00	£32.50	£1,125.95
S3 - S5	£12,341.46	£1,028.45	£65.00	£56.00	£1,149.45
S6	£11,420.64	£951.72	£56.25	£56.00	£1,063.97

Levy per month includes IT, Textbook and Capital Projects costs. In S3-S6 it also includes SQA costs.

# Nursery Fees



# Hamilton College

## Nursery Fees 2020/21

The list below details our current rates for the different types of provision that we offer. These are with effect from August 2020.

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## Registration for Nursery

There is a £100 registration fee for joining the Nursery.

## How to pay Nursery Fees

Prior to the start of each new term you will be sent an invoice for the sessions that your child is attending that term. Payments can be made at the start of term or by monthly standing order.

Please note also that we are able to accept vouchers through any tax reduction scheme that you may have from your employer.

## 2020/21 Term Dates

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<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 13 August – Friday 18 December 2020
<b>Spring Term</b>	Wednesday 6 January – Thursday 1 April 2021
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 19 April – Wednesday 23 June 2021

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