

# Celebrating 40 Years

## Events & Fundraising





## Headteacher's Introduction

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It gives me great pleasure to invite you to join with us to celebrate our fortieth anniversary here at Hamilton College.

In 1983, Mr Charles Oxley founded the School as a Christian School and our motto, "grace and knowledge" is inspired by 2 Peter chapter 3, verse 18: "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". Our current school values arise from this and they are: Grace, Confidence, Wisdom, Innovation, Compassion and Reflection. As a school, we continue to put these admirable qualities into practice individually and also as a school community.

Hamilton College has always placed an emphasis on the achievement of high academic standards. We have a proven track-record of success in SQA examinations year by year. Whilst academic success is often used as a measure of a school, we also pride ourselves on supporting each and every learner with first class pastoral care, allowing them to explore a range of opportunities in the co-curriculum, for them to discover their talents and to provide them with unique pathways for them to be the best they can be.

Over the years, we have supported many good causes with charitable donations. Recent beneficiaries of our giving include Beatson Cancer Charity, Teenage Cancer Trust, Operation Christmas Child, Bethany Christian Trust and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

In any organisation, investment is crucial. While the fabric of the building has been improved over the years, we aim to improve our premises further. Investment in ICT has been continuous, resulting in our being able to deliver the curriculum remotely, using digital technology, when most learners and staff could not attend school due to Covid lockdown restrictions. We continue to invest in the provision for our learners and with the Governors, we are investing in an expansion of our Nursery and we are also committed to improving our Science Labs, our Sports Changing Facilities and a Multi-use Outdoor Play Area. I do hope you enjoy reading more about these and can support us, as we look forward to bringing the School Community together, friend-raising and fundraising for our wonderful School.

In conclusion, I repeat my rejoicing at our anniversary and my invitation to you to celebrate it with us. When Hamilton College was not yet thirty years old, it described itself as a "young, dynamic co-educational school". As an organisation, we are surely still young at forty! As we mature, let our dynamism not flag with age! On our tenth anniversary, the then Principal wrote the following to parents: "I assure you that we remain dedicated to the best provision and preparation for life that we can possibly give your children." This remains true at our fortieth anniversary. My final quotation from the archives is: "This is a perfect school." This comment was from a clearly delighted parent in 1993. Dare we strive for perfection again? With God's help and yours we can certainly try!

Yours sincerely,

**Richard A Charman**  
Headteacher





## Letter from **Mr Gordon Leiper**

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I am delighted to participate in celebrating Hamilton College's fortieth anniversary. During session 1982 – 83, I trained as a teacher of French and Latin in my native Dundee, having graduated from St Andrews University. It was during that year that I read of Hamilton College's imminent opening as a Christian school, under Charles Oxley. Little did I know then that, in 1985, I would be starting my long teaching career here! I rejoice in my fulfilling time at the school (full-time French and Latin till 2019; part-time Latin thereafter).

I have seen many learners and staff come and go and have worked under all seven Principals and one Chief Executive Officer. "You taught my mum!" is a comment which I have often heard, as I teach the second generation of Hamilton College learners. If ever I hear "You taught my gran!", I shall know that it is definitely time to hang up my gown!

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to teach in a Christian school. I rejoice in having had the privilege of taking senior school assembly many times. I hope that learners remember my serious remarks and not just 'The Simpsons' clips which I used as illustrations! I am glad to have been of service as a helper at Senior School Scripture Union meetings.

I look back with gratitude and I look forward in faith. I have faith in a God who, having brought Hamilton College into existence as a Christian school forty years ago, can sustain it and cause it to flourish in the future. I admire the Oxleys' vision in establishing the school. What they achieved with God's help was remarkable. Remarkable things can still happen in the life of Hamilton College.

It is of course important to invest in our building and develop ICT provision and our co-curricular element still further, but let us not forget God. Psalm 127, verse 1 reads: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain" (New International Version). I finish by quoting the words of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century Christian missionary William Carey: "Expect great things from God - attempt great things for God". Let us not be afraid to put this into practice as we move forward into the future!

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon J Leiper**  
Teacher

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# Hamilton College

## Vision & Purpose

Fundamental to Hamilton College are our Values and our Christian Foundation



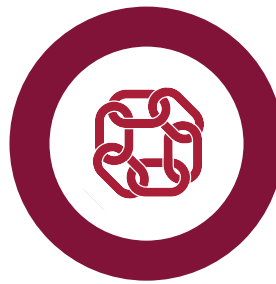
### OUR VISION

By inspiring children, together we can change their future, shape their society and make an impact on our world.



### OUR PURPOSE

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 VALUES

Grace  
Confidence  
Wisdom  
Innovation  
Compassion  
Reflection



### OUR FOUNDATION

To grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
II Peter 3:18

**To achieve our Purpose and progress towards our Vision we have identified three areas of focus:**

1. Safeguarding and Wellbeing – Our belief is that a young person who is safe and nurtured will flourish in their educational journey
2. Learning and Teaching – That every child is valuable and can be inspired to shape the world. Academic rigour creates wonder and opportunity. Creativity and innovation cultivate skills of collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking
3. School Development – To create a learning environment that is stimulating and allows our learners to flourish

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary with various fundraising activities will be a key focus for Hamilton College in 2022/23. Money raised throughout the year will be invested in 2023/24. Engagement with the Alumni will be critical to its success coupled with further friendraising.

# Events during our 40th Anniversary year



## Quiz Night, Art Exhibition & Auction

📅 FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

A special exhibition in which current and former learners of Hamilton College display specially commissioned artwork celebrating the core values of Hamilton College – Grace, Confidence, Compassion, Innovation, Wisdom and Reflection. All artwork on display can be purchased on the night via an auction. A quiz will also take place suitable for all the family.



## 40 Hour Swimathon

📅 WED & THUR 8-9 FEBRUARY

To celebrate 40 years, learners, staff, parents and former pupils of all abilities are encouraged to sign up to be part of our 40 hour continuous swim in our swimming pool.



## Hamilton College Anniversary Concert

📅 TUESDAY 30 MAY

The musical talents of our Hamilton College learners will be on display in an evening of music provided by our Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Orchestra, soloists and ensembles. The evening will also feature surprise performances.



## Hamilton College Summer Fete

📅 SATURDAY 3 JUNE

Join us for a day of BBQ, games, raffles, inflatables and fun as we gather as a community for our Summer Fete.



## Hamilton College Anniversary Gala Dinner – Hilton Glasgow

📅 SATURDAY 17 JUNE

Time to look out your dinner suit and best frock as we make our way to the Hilton Glasgow for an upscale formal dinner followed by an evening of dancing. This will be the main event of our year long celebration and booking details will be available shortly in order for you to secure your seat at this celebratory event.



## Founder's Day

📅 FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

The school community will gather to hear from special guests about the unique history of Hamilton College. This informative event will be for current learners and special guests.

# School Projects

Through our year-long fundraising events, we hope to raise enough funds for the following three projects



## Improving our Science Labs

We aim to match our learners enthusiasm and passion for science with labs that are designed for innovative learning.

Feature lighting over desks



Square desks, suitable for groupwork



Neutral material palette with accent colours on floor, walls and cupboards. Use of colors/ patterns on floor/ walls to define zones/ spaces.



Plug sockets and storage cupboards to front of desks, keeping student work space clear



White furnishing with storage underneath



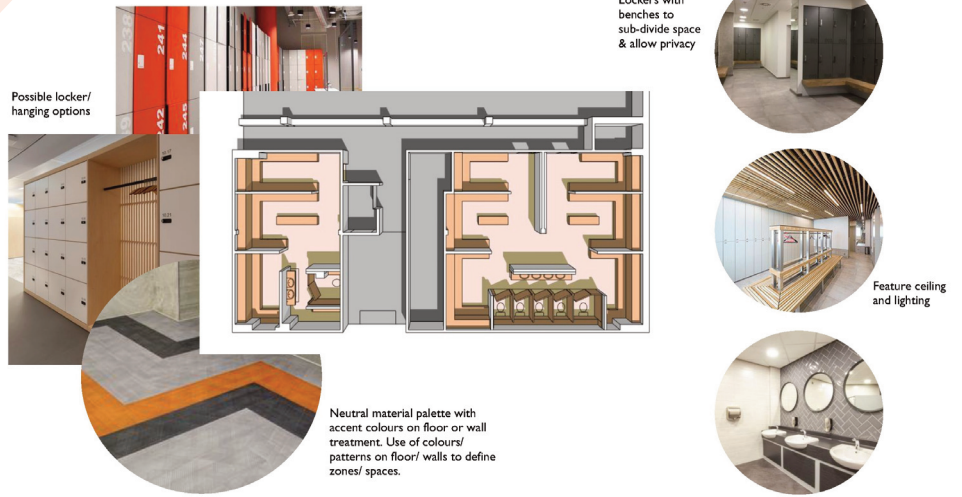
Functional work benches with services around perimeter of classroom



# Area 2

## Improving our Sports Changing Facilities

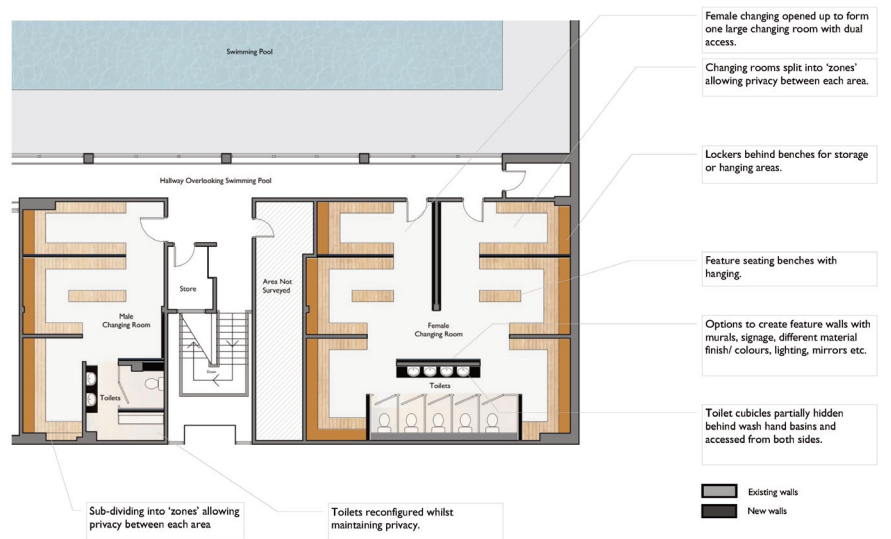
Improved changing facilities allows learners to have a safe, comfortable environment that caters for their wellbeing.



# Area 3

## Installing a Multi-use Outdoor Play Area

Expanding our PE facilities to cater for the growing needs of our learners to support our expanding fixture programme.



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# 40th Anniversary Merchandise

We wish to offer learners, parents, former pupils and friends of Hamilton College the opportunity to purchase from the range of merchandise to celebrate our 40 years.

Scan the QR code  
for prices and an  
order form



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Heavy Cut Crystal Tumbler



Crystal Champagne Flute



Crystalite Large Goblet



Champagne Flute Gift Set



Water Bottle with Straw



Stationery Desk Set



Ballpen and Notebook Set



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