

Hamilton Academy Name Change FAQs

Why is Hamilton Academy changing its name?

The change of name for Hamilton Academy will explicitly reflect the School's link with The Mead family of schools, celebrating our long established track record of school improvement and raising standards.

Hamilton Academy joined The Mead family of schools in 2016, why is it changing its name now?

Hamilton Academy (formerly Hamilton Community College) joined The Mead family of schools in September 2017 after being judged inadequate by Ofsted in October 2016. At the time of conversion, the Governing Body decided not to change the name of the school. However, feedback received from potential parents and carers, members of staff and other stakeholders since the school joined the Trust indicates that the school's current name remains closely associated with the school's historic reputation despite the transformative school improvement work being carried out by the Principal and staff and improving outcomes. It was felt, therefore, that the proposed name will be of particular benefit to Hamilton Academy as it will celebrate the school's transformation over the last few years and signify the Mead family of schools' commitment to raising standards and offering a first class education.

When did the consultation take place?

The consultation period ran from Monday 25th February 2019 – Friday 29th March 2019.

When will the name change take effect?

28th August 2019.

Will there be a new logo?

Yes, a new logo is currently being designed and will be unveiled in the summer term.

Will parents be required to purchase new uniforms?

Current students will be able to continue wearing their current uniforms for as long as they require them and will only be required to purchase the updated uniform items (an embroidered navy blazer) when they require a replacement e.g. when a student outgrows their blazer. Any children new to the school from 2019/20 will be able to purchase new uniforms, which will be available from Uniform Direct, later in the summer term.

Will the change of name affect the way in which the school is run?

The change of name will not affect the way in which the school is run. We will remain committed to working together to make a positive difference and continue to improve the life chances of our children and young people through high aspirations and challenge.