

Governance Newsletter



Hamilton
Academy

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Message from the Chair of the Academy Council

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this year's first Academy Council newsletter and my first as chair! The name change to Academy Council reflects changes to the structure of governance across the Trust. Details of our Trust governance can be found on the [TMET website](#).

We will produce termly summaries of the activities of the Academy Council to keep you updated on our work.

We would like to thank all parents who support Hamilton Academy in whatever way. We were pleased that so many people have come to the various open evenings this term so far. Please continue to help us provide the best possible education for your children and encourage other parents to join you.

We welcome suggestions on how we can continue to improve communications with parents.

Elaine Taylor
Chair of the Academy Council

Together we make a positive difference!

The Academy Council

We say goodbye to Trevor Pringle who has sadly had to leave us due to other commitments. Thanks to Trevor for all his hard work and helpful advice.

We welcome a new Academy Council member this term. Malcolm Trobe brings a wealth of experience and expertise which will prove very useful and which we intend to draw on regularly.

Who are the Academy Council members?



Elaine Taylor, Trustee of The Mead Educational Trust (TMET), retired HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector), with a wealth of experience in teaching, school improvement and staff development.



Paul Pitts works for Santander and, in his 15 years' experience of working in financial services, has gained significant experience from roles focusing on employee and commercial performance, risk management and driving commercial change.



Cathy Brown, Head of Governance at TMET, National Leader of Governance and a Chair of Governors, with experience of working with schools in special measures.



Malcolm Trobe has 17 years' experience as a secondary headteacher and in the last 10 years has worked at ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders), recently as Deputy General Secretary.



Rita Hindocha, Strategic Secondary Lead in TMET and Executive Principal of Rushey Mead Academy, a very successful Leicester secondary school which is also in TMET.

Academy Council activities

At the first Academy Council meeting of the year in September we received presentations from the members of the recently restructured senior leadership team on their different areas of responsibility. They will give us updates throughout the year.

We are currently planning our visits to look at the work the Academy is doing on the priorities in the Academy Improvement Plan. We will let you know the outcome of these visits in the next newsletter.

New Curriculum and Standards Committee

The Academy Council has introduced this new committee to look in detail at the curriculum and achievement of our students. We held the first meeting in September and are due to meet again in November.

And finally....

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We will continue to provide important updates on the governance page of the academy website and through the occasional tweet.

Is there anything you would like to know more about? Do you have ideas you would like the Academy Council to consider?

Then please get in touch either by leaving us a note at the Hamilton reception addressed to the Academy Council or by sending us an email via office@hamilton-rmet.org.uk.