

The House System at Orchard Mead.

As well as being allocated to a Tutor Group, made up of students from their Year Group, all students are placed into a House when they arrive at Orchard Mead and will usually stay in the same House throughout their time with us. The House System encourages **healthy competition through House competitions and events**, and develops a sense of community amongst students. Students wear a coloured tie to denote their belonging to their House.

There are four Houses at Orchard Mead which are named after Greek mythical creatures. Students named our Houses, making a connection to our original 1950s school logo, the Chimera which is often mistaken for a horse!

Each House has a distinct identity and ethos, as well as an associated colour and logo.

Arion House

Arion is an immortal horse, bred by the gods. He is considered to be extremely fast and swift. As well as being noted for being a majestic creature, Arion was also celebrated for his musical talents.

Arion House is about having no regrets. Students of Arion House are encouraged to challenge themselves through participating in all that Hamilton Academy offers them, trying something new and trying their very best to succeed. Arion House is committed to raising our students' aspirations and being a part of our House includes working together to ensure students leave Hamilton with no regrets, having ensured that they have always been striving for their very best.

"In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take.

Have no regrets"



Phoenix House

The Phoenix is an immortal bird who embodies all the properties of the sun, born from the fire of its predecessors. The Phoenix is considered to be radiant, powerful, noble and showing great respect for others.

In Phoenix House our core values are: Be respectful. Be powerful. Be Radiant. The Phoenix is associated with re-birth and new beginnings; students in Phoenix House are encouraged to take these values to heart and become part of a change for the better – not just for themselves, but for those around them by commanding greatness.



Chiron House

Chiron House is built upon one of the most important of all the Centaurs in Greek mythology. He was part man and part horse, he was famous for his teaching ability and considered to be intelligent, civilized and kind. Of all the characters in Greek mythology, many believe that Chiron has perhaps the most pure and selfless heart. He never involved himself in the tricks or squabbles of the other immortals; his dignity holds him above their schemes.

Chiron House is all about being the best we can be without any excuses. In being a member of Chiron House students should show respect for all, compassion and kindness. Chiron House shows support and help for all across Hamilton Academy and teamwork is at the core of Chiron House. We lead from the front, by example.

Our aim is to be the best versions of ourselves inside and outside the classroom and beyond.



Griffin House

The Griffin is part eagle and part lion. Griffins are considered to have incredible strength, unfailing protective instincts and are extremely loyal. Amongst other things, they are believed to have guarded the gold of India. It is believed that the Griffin pulled Apollo's (Sun god) chariot across the sky commencing the start of a new day. The Griffin is known to share characteristics with Apollo; God of Wisdom.

The core values of the Griffin House are; loyalty, being guardians of themselves and others, and demonstrating a balance of physical strength and intelligence. Griffin students demonstrate these values by exhibiting exemplary behaviour in and outside the classroom, within the wider context of the school and within the community. Griffin students aim to always be a good role model and help other students around school. Finally, in Griffin House we always try our best in both physical activities and academics studies.

