

## History of Hamilton Lodge

Miss Margaret Taylor started Hamilton Lodge School in 1945 with high expectations for deaf children. Her beliefs were later set out in the Articles of Government of the Educational Trust "Hamilton Lodge (Brighton) Limited", established in 1955 to ensure the future of the school.

A brief history of Hamilton Lodge School and its buildings: 1945 School founded by Miss Margaret McNab Taylor in No. 7 Walpole Road 1947 No's 1 & 3 Walpole Road bought 1949 No 9 Walpole Road bought 1951 No 15 Walpole Road (East) bought 1952 No 15 Walpole Road (West) bought 1955 The Educational Trust Hamilton Lodge (Brighton) Ltd. Established 1959 Two classrooms/speech rooms built at the rear of No 15 1963 Science room built at No 15 1964

Miss Margaret McNab Taylor died on Tuesday 19th November 1963 at Worthing Juvenile Court. Funeral took place on Saturday 23rd November 1963 at 12 noon at St Anne's Church, Brighton. Mr John Jansen appointed Principal. 1965 Principal's house built behind No 15 1966 School recognised by the Department of Education and Science 1967 James Wing, containing classrooms, gym/assembly hall and covered play area, opened by the Duchess of Norfolk 1969 Library in No's 7 & 9 opened 1970

25th Anniversary of the school

No 13 Walpole Road bought to provide two classrooms, art room, pottery room and dressmaking room 1972 No 1 extension built to provide surgery, sick-bay and reception classroom 1973 Part possession of 1B Walpole Terrace for staff accommodation 1975 Playing fields carved out of steep downland beside the lane between 7 & 9 1976 New boiler room constructed at the back of No 1 1977

Full possession of 1B Walpole Terrace

Dining room, kitchen & cloakrooms created on ground floor of No 1B and lower ground floor of No's 1 & 3

Play area created at back of No 1

Home economics room created in No 1B 1978

Miss Margaret Moore appointed Principal

Improvements to the top floor of No 7 1979

No 13 sold to raise much needed capital

Further Education and Post 16 Department established, based at No 15 1981

The Bill Simmons Craft room created out of two small classrooms at the rear of No 15

The Tregenza Room, showers and changing rooms created out of the undercover play area beneath the James Wing 1985 Two speech cabins installed, one behind No 1, the other behind No 9 1987 The tree garden created to provide private access to the playing fields 1991 The adventure playground created at the back of No 9 1992

The playroom at No 1 refurbished

The astro turf pitch created on the side of the old tennis courts on the playing fields 1993

Home economics room moved up to No 15 into new extension at the back

New classroom created at No 1B in place of the old Home Economics room 1994

Floodlights installed on the new astro turf pitch

Science room in No 9 refurbished

No 10 Arundel Road purchased and refurbished for a F.E. Hostel 1995

50th Anniversary of the school

Mrs Anne Duffy appointed Principal from September 1995 1997 No 15 extension built and re-organisation to No 1 and No's 7-9 buildings. This achieved separate residential and school accommodation for secondary pupils. Funded by Lottery grant 1999

New bath and shower rooms in No 1

Sale of No 10 Arundel Road and change from F.E. to Yr 12 2000 Work on Head's House for Yr 12 students' accommodation 2001 The School achieved non-maintained special school status. Hamilton Lodge Education Ltd established 2002

No 11 Walpole Road purchased to extend post-16 accommodation

School achieved 'Excellence Award' from the DfES 2004

New Design & Technology and Primary facilities built at the rear of No 9. This building has been named 'The Miles Building' and was officially opened by Councillor Pat Hawkes. Separate residential and school accommodation finally achieved for all pupils.

Adventure playground moved to the rear of No 11 2005

Bill Simmons Craft Room converted for community and meeting use

School achieved 'Positive about Disability Award'

60th Anniversary of the School

Mr Christopher Owen appointed Principal from September 2005 2007 Mr Sheppard appointed Principal/Head teacher from April