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Dear Old Barrow Hillian

We were delighted to welcome so many of you 'back to the school' on Sunday 8th of June.

At the event it was great to learn about Barrow Hills of the past, including the 'caning chair' that used to grace my study.

I thought, therefore I would write a few words about Barrow Hills in 2008: We currently have some 270 boys and girls from three years old to thirteen. In terms of where the boys and girls go to after us, well sadly St George's is now an infrequent destination (although we are working on this) – being day and the other side of the M25 has had its effect. For the boys the most popular destination is the RGS, with Charterhouse and Cranleigh following. For the Girls, the powerful trio of Guildford High, Tormead and St Catherine's hold sway for day pupils, though boarding schools feature for both the boys and the girls.

We are proud of two academic scholarships this year, one to Charterhouse and one to Worth. All Year Eight (Form 6) passed Common Entrance with one boy awarded straight A's from RGS. Their trip this year was a week's cycling in France.

On the sports front, the girls are rather good at netball, and feature strongly in Surrey and the National IAPS competitions, having won both in recent years. For the boys we are proud of some unbeaten seasons in a couple of age groups in rugby, football, hockey and cricket. The Vineyard is being turned into an Astro turf (so we can continue our fine hockey tradition) in time for September.

Art continues to thrive, music is on the rise and our Productions are as good as ever. After dominating last year, Kean are coming behind Murtough and McCormack in the House competitions this year.

Coming back to the Old Barrow Hillians – I hope you decide to join and the association flourishes. It is a great school and it can only be enriched by having an active, positive Old Barrow Hillians.

With kind regards

Matthew Unsworth
Headmaster