



# Barrow Hills

SCHOOL



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**WE ARE PREPARED**  
FOR GREATER THINGS



CURIOUS



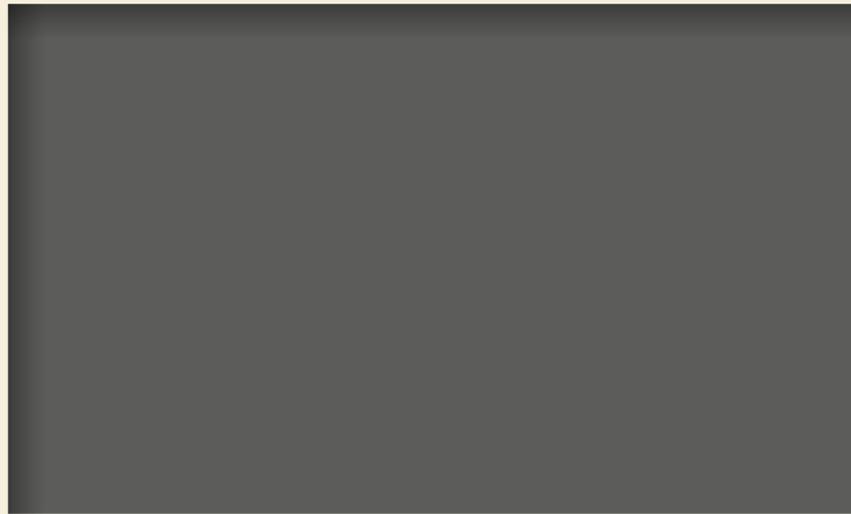
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RESPONSIBLE



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Few schools are as leafy and inviting as Barrow Hills. Anything is possible here: learning the clarinet... taking part in a national hockey final... hatching ducklings... designing a prize winning habitat module for a mission to Mars... gaining an academic scholarship to senior school.



Welcome to Barrow Hills School, an independent, co-educational day school and nursery welcoming girls and boys from 2 to 13 years of age.

Education at Barrow Hills is for life, not just the classroom and we are committed to being leaders in Prep School education; promoting mutual respect, curiosity of mind and independence of spirit, preparing each child to move on to take their place in an ever changing world.

I strongly believe that a happy child is a successful child. Our children are challenged within a positive, diverse community of learners and are stretched at a time appropriate to them, helping them to aspire to achieve their individual best. With the highest levels of pastoral care, balanced with a strong Christian ethos, our children become well rounded high achievers.



Our extensive grounds provide excellent facilities that encourage play and exploration. Throughout the school we provide children with an environment in which to experiment and develop their talents. They experience a wide variety of activities in order to develop their abilities without fear of failure.

Please do visit the school to see our children at work and play and to experience the atmosphere that makes Barrow Hills an ideal place to spend one's childhood.

Philip Oldroyd BA, PGCE



## Learning is pure pleasure when driven by a child's natural curiosity

How many legs does a giant African millipede have? Pre-Prep became instant wildlife experts on the day that a visiting zoological team introduced its collection of weird and wonderful minibeasts. How many insects are there in the Barrow Hills woodland? Too many to count, but our Pre-Prep children still try to find out.

Pre-Prep's delight in the natural world around them is typical of the way that our children throw themselves into the adventure of discovery. Their curiosity is boundless. Going face-to-face with a hissing cockroach? Barrow Hills children really do want to know how that feels.



“It is lovely to see the children getting lost in their own imagination, being creative, being constructive and being self-motivated.”

Forest School Leader

*Prepare to be*  
**CURIOUS**



## Children learn that anything is possible if they're prepared to give it a go

In the spotlight, alone on stage, covered in warts and green face paint, there is nowhere to hide. It is now or never...

It was no surprise that Mr Toad's performance was faultless. Our Year 4 production of 'The Wind in the Willows' was a huge success. Of course there were nerves, but nothing that a happy cast of woodland creatures could not overcome. In this school, where we trust and support each other, we know that everyone – including a hushed theatre audience – is on our side.

Barrow Hills children are not afraid to try, understanding that it is better to have a go and fail well than not to have tried at all. Our supportive and nurturing environment promotes perseverance and resilience, useful skills that will stay with children for life.



*Prepare to be*  
**brave**

“From an early age children are given the opportunity to develop their presentation skills – in class and assemblies, and in a series of regular school performances and productions.”

Head of English and Drama



*Prepare to be*  
**scholarly**



## Knowledge is useful, but understanding turns facts into wisdom

A Barrow Hills education has bite. When Year 3 bared their teeth for the school of dentistry, they learned what makes them omnivores, and which of their teeth would suit a lion or a llama.

Through practical activities like this, children learn to love the pursuit of knowledge. They discover that scholarliness is multifaceted; it may come from books, class discussions or checking their teeth in a mirror. Combine all three, and you have a child who understands why biting through a slice of toast is different to chewing it.

Our teaching incorporates the best of academic and creative practice and is delivered using state of the art technology. Our role as educators is to treat each child as an individual and provide support as they pursue their journey towards independence.



“I have no words to express how my heart is feeling comfortable, grateful, peaceful... I haven't seen my children at all today, and arriving home to happy children is the best thing that I could ask. Thank you very much.”

Reception parent

“The kindness and dedication of the staff have enabled our son to develop into a boy who enjoys school and has a passion for learning.”

Year 6 parent

# Prepare to be compassionate

Put fun, kindness and love together with care, company and laughter. Once they are mixed add helpfulness, playfulness and a slice of friendship. This would make my perfect friend.

Year 3 friendship recipe



## We are a family; we look out for each other

No child is left out at Barrow Hills. Our House system encourages children of different ages and temperaments to pull together through teamwork and shared projects. Older children look out for younger ones. Everyone is ready to lend a hand.

We take that ethos with us wherever we go; from the playground to the sports field and into the local community. Our children learn to make room in their hearts for everyone.

We believe that Barrow Hills is for the whole family - we build strong links with parents and encourage interaction. Education is most successful with teachers and parents working together.



## When we give, it comes from the heart: time, praise, kind words, a helping hand

Our children know that all acts of kindness count - large or small, random or regular. Smiles, kind words and thoughtful gestures are as important as the many and varied charitable events run at Barrow Hills.

From Pre-Prep's sponsored silence, to the older children leading an initiative supporting young learners in Sub-Saharan Africa. From our regular parent run Friday breakfast butties to our staff led charitable activities, we get involved as a community.

Time, thoughtfulness, fun and big-heartedness go so much further when supported by the Barrow Hills generosity of spirit.

# Prepare to be generous

Children's personal development is outstanding, reflecting a successful transition from childhood to adolescence... children of all ages thrive, are confident and are at ease with others."

*Independent Schools Inspectorate*



*Prepare to be*  
**joyful**



## Children learn to celebrate the best in themselves, their classmates and the world around them

Wellies and waterproofs are essential uniform at Barrow Hills. Outdoor learning lends itself to practical engagement and appropriate risk taking. Our children use these opportunities in order to build their confidence, spatial awareness, physical and mental strength and are able to thrive in an ever-changing and unpredictable world.

Like much of what happens at Barrow Hills, indoor and outdoor learning rides piggy-back on youthful exuberance. Classes here are a joy to lead and a joy to be part of.

“It’s an outdoorsy, sporty school, but the arts and everything else on offer are equally strong. The ethos is about finding things that you like doing and getting the most out of life, and who wouldn’t enjoy that?”

*Independent review, Muddy Stilletoes*

33 acres of friendship, adventure and lifelong memories

# Prepare to be truthful



## If we are true to ourselves, we can be true to our friends

Barrow Hills children have plenty of space to understand and to care for themselves - and as much support as they need should things get tough. Our drop-in wellbeing room (named by our children as 'The Happy Hangout - A Place for You') is where children can talk about anything that troubles them.

Our children learn who they are and how they got there. Each has a unique, independent identity and all are encouraged to be positive, dream big and to believe in themselves and each other.





## Education is how children learn to be adults

Responsibility comes naturally to Barrow Hills children. They demonstrate maturity and vision outside of the classroom in the ideas that they bring to the School Council. It could be a big event such as Grandparents' Day or creating a winter wonderland or those small things that make a difference, such as voting for their favourite breaktime snack or raising funds for new games to use in the playground.

In all aspects of school life, our children rise to their responsibilities: guiding visitors around the school, leading their teams to victory, representing the school at ceremonial events in the City of London, becoming peer mentors to younger children. They grow into every role we give them.

“Older children are trained as peer mentors and offer guidance to younger pupils.”

Deputy Head



*Prepare to be*  
**responsible**



## Prepare to experience Barrow Hills for yourself

Supporting the specialist teaching we offer at Barrow Hills, our children enjoy and benefit from a wealth of dedicated facilities.

We are proud to be partnered with King Edward's Witley and part of the family of schools that sit under the Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation, founded in 1553 to change the lives of children whose backgrounds limited their opportunities. Our partner school provides our children with access to facilities beyond the reach of most stand alone preparatory schools.

We, and our children, love to show visitors round. We are proud of what we do.

To visit please contact our Registrar, Pauline McBrown.

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- 1 Main entrance
- 2 Visitor parking
- 3 Great Roke
- 4 Chapel
- 5 Parent parking
- 6 The Lower
- 7 St Albertus Magnus (Science laboratories)
- 8 Main hall and dance studio
- 9 Tennis courts
- 10 Woodpecker Fitness Trail
- 11 Cricket pavilion
- 12 Sports field
- 13 St Joseph's Centre (Art & Technology)
- 14 Thomas More Centre
- 15 Staff parking
- 16 St Cecilia Centre (Music)
- 17 Swimming pool
- 18 The Slope
- 19 Forest School
- 20 Astro pitch
- 21 Orchard
- 22 Adventure playground
- 23 Outdoor theatre
- 24 Formal gardens
- 25 Iron Age Roundhouse
- 26 Pre-Prep play area
- 27 Pre-Prep free flow area
- 28 Pre-Prep free flow area
- 29 Hardcourt play area
- 30 Pre-Prep play area
- 31 Techo house
- 32 Pre-Prep Forest School



“I’M STRUGGLING TO THINK  
OF CHILDREN OR PARENTS WHO  
WOULDN’T LOVE THIS SCHOOL.”

Visiting Parent



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