

Summary for children and young people

Name: Wymondham College

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Dear boarders

Thank you so much for welcoming us to your boarding houses when we visited a short while ago. Mark, Rachel and Jamie absolutely loved spending time in your company. Each of them received an exceptionally warm welcome from you all. Thank you for giving up your time to speak with them.

At the end of a wonderful three days spent at Wymondham College, inspectors said that the boarding and education provision are 'Outstanding'.

Each of you are an absolute asset to Wymondham College. The respect, care and kindness that you demonstrate to one another is remarkable.

When issues do arise, you have the confidence to speak out and challenge unwanted behaviours. You do not only speak out on behalf of yourselves, but you defend each other. This is an admirable trait that keeps behavioural standards high and social conduct appropriate. Racial abuse, homophobic comments and misogyny are not tolerated, and they are actively challenged by you and your staff.

The opportunities to engage in a broad range of activities in boarding are astounding. Trips to Kenya, New York, Valencia and other parts of the world enable you to have experiences that you may not have if you were not boarding.

What we liked best, and is hard to achieve, is how homely the boarding houses are. All boarders spoken with said that they feel exceptionally well cared for by the boarding staff. The relationships between boarders and the staff are exceptionally strong. You all have a sense of belonging in boarding, even those of you who have only boarded for a short time.

The charity work that you do is exemplary. There are, frequently, various walks to raise funds for animal and military charities. The walks that impressed us the most were the 'sprinting to Somalia' and 'March to Malawi' initiatives. The money that you raised meant that two midwives were funded to be trained as a result of your endeavours! Just amazing! As well as your charitable work farther afield, you also help out locally with litter picking at beaches and putting together food parcels at Christmas.

Academically, you excel and those who struggle are supported exceptionally well by staff to reach their potential. Your staff strive for you to leave Wymondham College

as well-rounded individuals who are an asset to society. And, my word, hasn't that target certainly been achieved.

You should all be exceptionally proud of yourselves; your staff certainly are, as are we!

All the best to each of you

Rachel, Mark, Jamie and Lianne