

Summary for children and young people

Name: Reading School

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Dear Students,

Liz Driver, Lucy Mayor (who came to see what we do on inspections) and I enjoyed our visit to East Wing and South House in early February. Thank you to all of you who took the time to show us round and shared your opinions with us. This was really helpful for us to form our view about life in boarding at Reading School. Several of you made an excellent impression on us!

We visited to find out how well Mr Robson, Mr Sanchez and Mr Teixeira and the rest of the staff are looking after you. We judge that the boarding provision at Reading School is 'Outstanding'.

We were especially impressed with the excellent relationships there are between the different year groups which contributes a great deal to the family atmosphere a lot of you spoke about. It also helps promotes the desire to contribute to school life and help one another.

Every student we spoke to thought that boarding had made a big and positive difference to their lives and we saw lots of examples of how many of you have made huge progress in your education and in developing your social skills. This means the school is achieving its aim to 'ensure that Reading School boys leave as young men that are intellectually and emotionally prepared for higher education and the world of work.'

We found that senior staff listen to your views and implement your ideas whenever possible, which leads to an even better experience of boarding.

There are some areas that we think could be improved. This includes making sure that the appearance of the houses is kept up by undertaking minor maintenance work promptly. Also, to improve the complaints policy and recording of complaints by making them more applicable to students.

We would like governors to have a closer knowledge of what is happening in the school so that they can oversee these and other matters better.

With our best wishes for your futures.

Chris Peel
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