

Summary for children and young people

Name: High Close School

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Hi Everyone,

Thank you so much for making Hannah and I so welcome when we came to your school. We loved meeting you all and spending time with you.

We were really pleased to see that you are doing well, and we were really impressed by what you do in residential and the progress you make. It was lovely to hear that so many of you can now go independently into town and how staff are preparing you for your future.

You told us how much you liked spending time in residential, that you have made friends, and the activities are great. Seeing the relationships, you have with each other, and staff was great to see, it was lovely to see you laugh and feel comfortable in one another's company.

It was inspiring to see the work being done with the LGBTQ+ group and this allowed us to learn so much about your personal experiences and how committed you are to helping each other. We really got a sense that everyone is welcome at boarding which is great to see.

We heard how you help to change things in the school and residential through house meetings and the student council – this is great!

We judged the residential at High Close to be 'outstanding'.

Thank you again for spending time with us.

Take care of yourselves and each other,

Jennie and Hannah – Ofsted inspectors