

Sixth Form Dress Code Policy – 2024/25

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We expect and require students to set a good example to the school by following the Dress Code. The Senior Leadership Team fully support the Sixth Form Dress Code to:

- Promote self-esteem amongst our students
- Prepare students for the world of work
- Provide our wider community with a positive image of our school □ Act as a role model to the students in lower school

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Students should dress as if they are attending a formal face-to-face interview.

Sixth Form students are issued with a lanyard with photo identification and this should be **worn and visible, around necks at all times** whilst in school for security reasons.

We respect that all students have the right to dress according to the gender they identify with. As such our dress code is gender neutral.

- Dress, skirt, trousers or a matching suit (**chino or jean style trousers are not permitted**). Skirts and dresses should be no shorter than mid thigh.
- **A Blazer or suit jacket should be worn on school site at all times.**
- Black or brown formal shoes (no trainers, boots (including Chelsea Boots) or open toed shoes).
- A non-branded plain pullover or cardigan can be worn under a suit jacket/ blazer. **Roll neck jumpers and sweatshirts are not permitted.**
- Single items of simple, unobtrusive jewellery and light/subtle make up may be worn. Facial piercings must be discrete.
- Formal blouse or collared shirt with tie (bowties are permitted)

ALSO

- Denim/leather/PVC clothing, hoodies, shorts and skirts are not permitted.
- Low cut tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder tops, or any revealing clothes are not permitted.
- No headwear is allowed, other than for religious reasons. (This includes, caps, beanies, do-rags and bucket hats).
- Ear spacers/gauges must be made of transparent plastic.
- Nose piercings must be made of transparent plastic. **(Bull Rings/Septum Piercings are not permitted).**
- Headphones are not to be worn around school and the use of mobile phones on the school site is not permitted (with the exception of designated Sixth Form areas).

The ultimate decision on whether clothing is acceptable rests with the Sixth Form Directors and the Assistant Principal: Sixth Form. Students may be required to return home and change if their dress is deemed unsuitable for school.

Reasonable adjustments to the dress code will be made, in discussion with (and the prior agreement of) your Sixth Form Director on an individual basis (e.g. for medical reasons/disability)

In hot weather, alternative arrangements may be in place to ensure comfort. These will be communicated to students and parents/carers, as appropriate.

These lists are not exhaustive and serve only as guidelines. Persistent failure to comply with these requirements will result in a student being subject to KS5 sanctions.

The Role of Parents/Carers

As parents/carers we ask that you fully support all aspects of the Sixth Form Dress Code, as it is part of the contract that you enter into when your son/daughter joins our school. Students will be sent home if they do not conform to the Dress Code. Parents/Carers will be contacted on the first occasion a student is required to be sent home in relation to a Dress Code violation. In the event of any subsequent digression from the Dress Code, the student will be issued with three behaviour points and sent home to change, but no contact will be made with parents/carers.

If you are in any doubt about whether an item is acceptable **PLEASE CONSULT THE SCHOOL** before you purchase and ensure you receive a definitive answer from a member of the Sixth Form Team.