



The dress code will be introduced for a number of reasons which are briefly outlined below:

- *It is important that the Sixth Form sets a good example to the lower school as it is part of the whole school, promoting the same standards and expectations.*
- *Dressing smartly can have a positive effect on attitude to work; reminding students that Sixth Form is a place of work.*
- *The dress code is not cost prohibitive. Market research has shown that suitable clothes can be found in shops for every pocket.*

Please see below for what students should wear to Sixth Form.

### **Male**

All clothing should be suitable for a professional working environment and should consist of the following items:

- Formal school / office shoes or boots.
- Smart suit style trousers.
- Formal shirt with collar that could accommodate a tie. A tie is optional but encouraged.
- Jumper / cardigan / suit jacket optional depending on weather.

### **Female**

All clothing should be suitable for a professional working environment and should consist of the following items:

- Formal school / office shoes or boots with flat or mid-heels.
- A smart skirt that is no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Smart suit style trousers.
- Smart dress or tunic style top that is no shorter than mid-thigh. Leggings may be worn under a dress or top but not on their own.
- Shirt / blouse /top that covers shoulders.
- Jumper / cardigan / suit jacket is optional depending on weather.

### **All**

- Any item not listed in the dress codes above is not acceptable.
- Along with members of staff, Sixth Formers must to wear identification lanyards at all times when they are on site. This is to secure the safety of all students on the school site.
- Extreme hair styles should be avoided, including shaved heads or shaved patterns and hair dyed a non-natural colour.
- Hats are not allowed in the buildings but may be worn outside.
- For some practical subjects, such as PE or Dance, staff may wish for different clothes to be worn. This is at their discretion. The dress code should be applied immediately before and after that lesson.
- Pierced ear lobes are acceptable, but ear spacers and multiple piercings around the ear are not. Earrings should be suitable to business dress and limited to two per ear. Clear plastic keepers may be worn where a student has a number of other piercings.

**The dress code is not optional and should be adhered to by all Sixth Formers when they are on site. If students need to seek guidance about any aspect of the Dress Code they should speak to their tutor.**

**We respect students' right to wear clothing that is specific to their religious faith; we request written notification from a parent/guardian with regard to this.**

**Students who fail to adhere to the dress code will be sent home to change.**