



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.*
- *All 6th Form students are expected to carry a face mask and carry bag at all times – this is a compulsory part of the dress code. It is expected that masks are worn at all movement times and in all communal areas, including The Hub and Study Area. The mask may be removed while eating or drinking. Masks can be worn in lessons and during PPE examinations. School will provide every student with one reusable mask and bag. However, students are also permitted to continue to wear their own; this must be suitable and appropriate for the school environment. Students exempt from wearing a mask must carry an exemption card issued via the 6th Form Team and in agreement with parents/ guardians.*

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 or smart black jeans
- Formal shirt or polo 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 or smart black jeans.
- 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 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.