

## **POLICY TITLE: Sixth Form Dress Code**

**STATUS: Non-Statutory**

**DATE OF REVIEW: September 2024**



As role models to younger years, we expect our Sixth Form students to dress in smart attire, appropriate for the school, working environment. In addition to this, to support with our safeguarding responsibilities, lanyards must be worn at all times whilst on School premises.

**Tops:** Smart blouse, top or shirt (ties optional). Smart polo shirt. Smart cardigans or jumpers.

*T-shirts with large logos, slogans or graphics. Denim, vest tops, transparent tops, or beachwear. Oversized tops, hoodies or sweatshirts, casual style sportswear, are not permitted.*

**Bottoms:** Smart-style trousers and smart skirts should be a suitable length for the school environment.

*Jeans, joggers/leggings, cargo trousers, denim, leather/faux leather are not permitted.*

**Dresses:** Smart in style and should be a suitable length for the school environment.

*Short/ mini-dresses or beachwear style dresses are not permitted.*

**Footwear:** Formal style shoes, plain black trainers and formal sandals. Boots may be worn provided they are smart and not excessive in height.

*Casual footwear such as flip flops, other trainers, black plimsolls, or canvas shoes are not permitted.*

**Outerwear\*:** Coats, jackets, or sweaters should be appropriate for a professional environment.

*Hoodies, or other overly casual outerwear, such as leather, biker or denim jackets are not permitted.*

*\*Outerwear to be removed in all study areas and classrooms.*

## **Additional Information**

**Jewellery:** A maximum of two earrings per ear will be permitted. *Ear Stretchers are not permitted.* Nose studs are permitted however should be discreet. Other jewellery is permitted, but should be kept to a minimum, in line with the 'smart attire' dress code.

**Hair:** Hair should be styled appropriately for the school environment, with a preference for natural-looking hair colours. *Extreme hairstyles, such as brightly dyed hair or shaved designs, are not permitted.*

**Nails:** Nail polish is permitted but should be professional in manner. *Elaborate nail designs that are distracting or excessively decorative and long, or excessively pointed nails that could pose a safety hazard are not permitted.*

**Tattoos:** The minimum legal age for a tattoo in the UK is 18. Tattoos should be discreet and must not be offensive.

**Valuables:** Sixth Form Students are permitted to bring mobile devices into School, but they should only be accessed in the Sixth Form Areas. We do encourage students to respect each other's property, and we do take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of such items, however, if items become lost or damaged, we cannot accept liability for this. Personal property brought into the school is done so at the owner's risk.

Students are encouraged to express their individuality within the parameters of this dress code while maintaining a professional appearance.

Where there are breaches of the School's Sixth Form Dress Code, sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy will be applied accordingly. This may mean that students are sent home to change or placed in internal exclusion and not permitted to attend timetabled lessons.

Should students have any questions relating to what may or may not be acceptable as part of the Dress Code, are advised to speak to the Leader of Sixth Form or Sixth Form Centre Manager prior to making any purchases.