

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE 2022

Our dress code reflects our culture as a Sixth Form; we want students to have the freedom of self-expression and to feel comfortable for learning, whilst dressing in an appropriate manner for an organisation setting. Sixth Form students are role models for the younger year groups, and we would like our Sixth Formers to develop the skill of selecting different clothes for different contexts. There will be occasions when students are asked to dress in business wear, but on a day-to-day basis, students should follow these guidelines:

- Sixth Formers must wear their ID badge and lanyard around their neck at all times ensuring it is visible –this allows them access to and around the building, and more importantly is also a crucial safeguarding requirement. If a student forgets their lanyard they must report immediately to the Sixth Form Team to be issued with a temporary replacement for the day. If the lanyard is lost students will need to pay £5 for a replacement.
- Footwear should be appropriate for school; no flip flips, sliders, crocs, other beach footwear or very high heels.
- Underwear should be kept as underwear; underwear should not be seen and crop tops or backless tops should not be worn. Strapless and thin strap tops should also not be worn. The chest area should be covered by a top.
- Short shorts, dresses and skirts should not be worn; skirts and shorts should be long enough to cover bottoms whilst sitting down and should be no more than 2 inches above the knee when standing up.
- Jeans with rips are not permitted – Smart jeans are allowed.
- Leggings are not permitted unless worn in replace of tights under a dress or long top that comes down to at least 2 inches above the knee when standing up.
- Sportswear, loungewear, football shirts, tracksuits, hooded jumpers, sports shorts or jogging bottoms are not permitted.
- Clothing which advocates illegal acts or hate crimes, or any clothing that references drugs, profanities or shows other inappropriate imagery should not be worn.
- Caps, hoods and other head wear can be worn outside but inside the building these should be removed. Du-rags or headscarves worn for religious purposes can be worn at any time.
- Jewellery is permitted but must not be loose hanging such as large hoop earrings. For health and safety reasons, you may be asked to remove some items for some lessons (e.g. Science, Art, PE).
- Students are welcome to dye their hair or choose a style that might not have been permitted in lower school, but cannot use an unnatural colour. However, again for health and safety, you may be asked to tie hair back in some lessons/situations.
- Tattoos should not be on show.
- Students who take practical subjects, such as Performing Arts, Drama, Sport, Sports Leadership, may need to change into appropriate practical clothing for the subject at the start of their lesson and back into their day to day wear at the end of lesson.

We understand that a dress code that gives students choice can lead to potential misunderstanding for students. If any student is unsure, or would like to ask any questions, they should speak to the Head of Sixth Form for their year group. If a member of staff deems a student to be dressed inappropriately, they will be spoken to individually and privately without judgement by a member of staff in the first instance, and the Sixth Form team will be notified. Where students break this code on more than one occasion, they will be asked to go home and change – if unable to do this they will be isolated for the day. The final decision on whether a student's dress meets the dress code will be taken by the Assistant Vice Principal line manager for Sixth Form.