

## The Downs Sixth Form Dress Code:

Sixth Formers are representatives of The Downs School as well as the Sixth Form, and the way in which they dress conveys important messages about the Sixth Form. Students are expected to dress in a professional manner as well as showing concern for health and safety.

- Formal professional dress is expected. For the boys, this means a suit or jacket and trousers, with smart shoes, a shirt and tie. For the girls this means a formal jacket and a skirt of an appropriate length, together with smart shoes. We believe a skirt should be no more than 7cm above the knee.
- Girls need to avoid any revealing clothing, particularly ensuring no midriffs or shoulders are on display with crop tops or strappy tops. (this also applies to Dress Down on Fridays)
- Formal jackets cannot be replaced by outdoor coats or jackets.
- Body piercings and tattoos are considered too informal, as are flip flops, mules, trainers and denim jeans. Smart jet-black jeans are allowed.
- Closed toe shoes are required in areas where there are dropping hazards, for example in DT workshops and science labs.

The dress code is at the discretion of the Sixth Form Staff and may be changed or adjusted if and when it is deemed necessary to do so.