Sixth Form Dress Code

The Sixth Form aims to provide a dress code that reflects modern standards of "professional dress" in a typical work environment.

Students entering the Sixth Form are expected to exercise a disciplined and mature attitude to dress. It is expected that the following general principles will be met by all students. Sixth Formers are the role models for the rest of the school and are often asked to meet and show guests around. Their appearance is therefore very important, both in school and on the way to and from school, and for this reason we expect Sixth Form students to dress in a smart, business-like manner.

We aim to provide a dress code that is accessible to the entire student body and is fully promoting and supportive of students expressing their own individuality. The Sixth Form makes a conscious effort to not set specific requirements based on gender identities, with the aim of allowing all Sixth Formers to feel comfortable in adhering to the dress code. We believe this allows students the freedom to dress how they feel most comfortable, within a framework that recognises their responsibility to promote the highest standards of dress and appearance to the rest of the school.

It is expected that Sixth Form students will be sensible and self-regulating in the choice of clothing that they wear to school. However, if dress is considered inappropriate then the student will receive an appropriate consequence for not meeting the agreed expectations.

Students are representatives of the school and the way in which they dress conveys important messages about the school, as well as showing concern for health and safety; Professional, casual dress is expected, with no revealing clothes.

This dress code has been created in consultation with the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team and the Senior Leadership Team of the school.

Examples of acceptable clothing items are:

- Collared shirts
- Quarter-zip and smart V-neck jumpers.
- Tailored or A-line skirts or dresses (fingertip length).
- Formal jackets and coats, such as blazers and thick cardigans (without a zip).
- Chinos and formal trousers, or Smart solid black (not faded) jeans
- Although preferable, ties are optional.

Examples of unacceptable clothing items are:

- Crop tops (There should be no skin at all on show between the top itself and the top of the skirt or trouser)
- Strapless tops, low-cut vest tops or thin strap 'spaghetti' tops
- Shorts and very short skirts or dresses (above fingertip length)
- Any lycra or 'stretchy' tube skirts or dresses
• Frayed, ripped, tattered items of clothing
• No type of denim or jeans other than solid black jeans.
• Visible underwear
• Sportswear including tracksuits, tracksuit trousers, sweatshirts, hoodies, leggings.
• Branded items beyond a simple chest motif
• Transparent or see-through items such as fishnet tights.
• Polo Shirts

Examples of acceptable non-clothing items:
• Ear piercings and one nose stud.

Examples of unacceptable non-clothing items:
• Non-natural hair colours
• Any other type of piercing
• Stretched lobes
• Tattoos
• Large hoop earrings (Health and Safety concerns)

Examples of unacceptable shoes:
All shoes should be smart and in good condition, and appropriate for the work place
• Flip flops
• Mules
• Trainers
• Sliders
• High platform shoes/boots (health and safety concerns)
• Ugg boots
• Any open toe shoes

Dress Down Friday:
• On Fridays, students are allowed to choose what they wear however they must continue to dress appropriately for the school environment.

Examples of unacceptable clothing for Dress Down Friday:
• Crop tops (There should be no skin at all on show between the top itself and the top of the skirt or trouser)
• Strapless tops
• Very short skirts, shorts or dresses (above fingertip length)
• Any lycra or 'stretchy' tube skirts or dresses
• Visible underwear
• Transparent or see-through items such as fishnet tights.

Examples of unacceptable shoes for Dress Down Friday:
• Flip flops
• Sliders
• Mules
• High platform shoes/boots (health and safety concerns)