



Sixth Form Dress Code

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Next review due by: June 2026

Sixth Form students must be smartly and professionally dressed at all times, reflecting the expectations of a formal working environment.

The dress code is based on formal business attire. The school defines what is considered “smart” according to professional workplace standards and reserves the right to determine whether a student’s appearance meets these expectations. Students who do not comply will be required to change immediately or, if necessary, return home to change before re-joining lessons.

Students must wear business attire, such as a suit or tailored separates, including a smart jacket or blazer with trousers, and an appropriate formal top. Clothing must be professional, well-fitted, clean, and coordinated.

Casual, fashion-led, brightly coloured, or otherwise non-professional clothing is not permitted.

Students are expected to dress with maturity and pride, recognising that their appearance represents the Sixth Form and the wider school community.

If there is any uncertainty about whether an item meets the dress code, students and parents must consult the Head of Year before making any purchases.

Students must wear their own identity card on their lanyard, clearly visible at all times on school premises. ID cards and lanyards must not be swapped, shared, or replaced with those of another student.

A formal jacket or blazer must be worn at all times while on school premises, including in the common room, during lessons, when moving around the site, and while travelling to and from school. Jackets may only be removed with prior permission, either due to weather conditions or at a teacher’s discretion during a lesson.

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<p>Students must wear either a formal, smart two-piece suit or formal separates, such as a smart blazer or suit jacket (paired with tailored trousers).</p> <p>Colours: Black, navy blue, beige, stone taupe or grey only.</p> <p>Traditional, tailored fit and appropriate for a professional setting.</p> <p>Collarless jackets, including Chanel-style or edge-to-edge designs, are permitted provided they are tailored, structured, and made from formal suiting fabrics.</p>	<p>Bright colours, excessive patterns or prints on outer or inner garment. Any suit or separates that draw attention through colour or pattern will be considered non-compliant with the dress code.</p> <p>Casual materials such as denim, leather, suede, corduroy, or similar.</p> <p>Hooded jackets, sweatshirt-style jackets, or sportswear.</p> <p>Oversized, ill-fitting, or casual styles.</p>
<p>Students <u>must</u> wear a formal, smart collared shirt.</p> <p>A formal tie must be worn with collared shirts and top button done up.</p> <p>Alternatively, a smart, formal blouse may be worn.</p> <p>Colours: Shirts and blouses must be in suitable business colours that are plain or subtly patterned (for example, a fine pinstripe or light check only).</p> <p>Short or long sleeves, tucked into trousers.</p>	<p>Bright colours, excessive patterns or prints. Any shirt that draws attention through colour or pattern will be considered non-compliant with the dress code.</p> <p>Casual or inappropriate styles, including: t-shirts, polo shirts, sleeveless tops, low-cut tops, cropped or oversized shirts, tight blouses, and any see-through or sheer garments.</p> <p>Ties with logos, slogans, or inappropriate designs.</p>

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<p>Students <u>must</u> wear formal, smart trousers.</p> <p>Colours: Plain black, navy blue, or grey only.</p> <p>Traditional, tailored fit and appropriate for a professional setting.</p> <p>Belts (if worn) must be plain black with no logos/symbols.</p> <p>Trousers must be worn at the natural waistline, just below the belly button.</p>	<p>Skirts/Dresses.</p> <p>Bright colours, excessive patterns or prints. Any trousers that draw attention through colour or pattern will be considered non-compliant with the dress code.</p> <p>Denim, leather, suede, corduroy or other casual fabrics.</p> <p>Excessively baggy, tight, or ill-fitting trousers.</p> <p>Casual styles (e.g., cargo pants, leggings, stretchy trousers, side slits, joggers, shorts, or trousers with visible casual features like large pockets, drawstrings, or zippers).</p>
<p>Students <u>must</u> wear formal, smart shoes.</p> <p>Colours: Polishable in tan, brown, or black.</p> <p>Appropriate for a professional environment.</p> <p>Low heel (maximum 2cm) and closed toe.</p> <p>Styles must be lace-up, slip-on, or buckle styles.</p>	<p>Trainer-style shoes, including black leather trainers, hybrid designs, or sports-branded footwear, are not permitted under any circumstances, even if sold as “school shoes”.</p> <p>Casual styles, such as sandals, flip-flops, canvas shoes, UGG-style boots, or any boots.</p> <p>Backless or open-toe shoes, including mules.</p> <p>High heels or platform shoes.</p> <p>Footwear made of non-polishable materials, including suede or fabric.</p>

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<p>Socks.</p> <p>Plain and subtle colours.</p>	<p>Bright colours or novelty designs.</p> <p>Sports socks of any kind.</p> <p>Not too short/invisible (no trainer socks).</p>
<p>Jumpers and Cardigans.</p> <p>Colours: <u>Plain</u> black, navy blue, or dark grey only.</p> <p>V-neck or crew neck styles. Tie must be visible.</p> <p>Hip-length and not cropped or excessively long.</p> <p>Must be worn over a formal, smart collared shirt and tie or smart, formal blouse.</p> <p>Must be worn under a suit jacket or blazer, <u>not</u> as a replacement.</p>	<p>Bright colours, patterns or prints.</p> <p>Quarter-zip jumpers, zip-up, hooded tops, casual knitwear or sweatshirt style, roll-necks, polo necks, or turtleneck styles.</p> <p>Wearing a jumper or cardigan in place of a jacket or blazer.</p> <p>Logos, slogans, or other visible branding or embellishments.</p> <p>Oversized, tight-fitting, or casual styles.</p>
<p>Outdoor Coats.</p> <p>Colours: Plain, dark-coloured coat (e.g. black, navy, charcoal).</p> <p>To be worn over a suit jacket or blazer, never as a substitute.</p> <p>Hoods permitted only in wet weather and should be removed indoors.</p>	<p>Bright colours, patterns, or printed designs.</p> <p>Coats made of casual or inappropriate materials, including denim, leather, suede, fur or faux fur.</p> <p>Wearing a coat in place of a blazer or suit jacket.</p>

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<p>Earrings and Piercings.</p> <p>Earrings must be discreet and suitable for a formal educational environment.</p> <p>No other visible piercings.</p>	<p>Any facial piercings, including nose, eyebrow, or lip piercings.</p> <p>Large hoop earrings, dangling earrings, stretchers, or plugs.</p> <p>Visible body piercings.</p>
<p>Hair and Make Up.</p> <p>Dyed hair must be natural in colour.</p> <p>Hair accessories (pins, hairbands and headbands) should be plain in colour and discreet in size.</p> <p>Make-up should be discreet and suitable for a professional learning environment.</p>	<p>Excessive or dramatic make-up</p>

Other Notes:

Sixth Form students are expected to follow the dress code at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while on the school premises, travelling to and from Sixth Form, and during out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (only if required).

Students who do not adhere to the Sixth Form dress code, including expectations around clothing, hair, and makeup, will not be allowed to attend lessons or take part in Sixth Form activities until the issue is resolved.

In cases where students arrive at Sixth Form in clothing that does not meet the dress code, and it is not possible to resolve the issue on site, they will be asked to return home to change. Parents or guardians will be informed the first time this occurs. The Sixth Form team will provide support and guidance to help students meet expectations and avoid repeated issues. Ongoing non-compliance with the dress code may lead to a formal review of the student's place in the Sixth Form.

Any further decisions regarding the suitability of students' dress or other aspects of their appearance (including jewellery, hairstyles, makeup, etc.) will be at the discretion of their Heads of Year and/or Director of Sixth Form, whose decision is final.

Students must not wear or use headphones, AirPods, or other electronic devices while moving around the site or when communicating with others. These items must not be visible, as they are not considered appropriate for a professional learning environment. Students must engage fully with their surroundings and peers at all times.

Jackets and blazers must be worn while walking to lessons around the school site. They must also be worn during lessons unless your teacher gives you explicit permission to remove them.

Tattoos must be covered at all times and should not be visible while on school premises.

Face masks are only permitted with approved medical documentation.

Students' hairstyles must be neat and appropriate for a professional learning environment. Hair should not obscure the face or eyes. In line with the Halo Code, our Sixth Form fully supports and celebrates the right of all students to wear Afro-textured hair in any suitable style. Any concerns regarding hairstyle suitability will be addressed with sensitivity and respect.

To maintain a consistent and professional dress code, headwear is not permitted unless it is worn for religious, cultural, or medical reasons. This includes hats, baseball caps, beanies, bandanas, and similar items.

Where headwear is worn for religious reasons, it must be plain and in line with the Sixth Form's smart dress expectations.

Durags, bandanas, caps, or any non-religious head coverings are not permitted on school premises. This is to maintain a professional appearance in line with the Sixth Form's formal business dress code and to ensure consistency and equality across all students.

On non-uniform days, students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate to an educational setting. The Head of Year and/or Director of Sixth Form have discretion to address any unsuitable attire, and students may be sent home to change if necessary.

Students who wish to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics should contact the Director of Sixth Form.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Sixth Form dress code, please contact the Sixth Form team directly for clarification or further guidance.

Financial support: Uniform costs may be supported through the 16–19 Bursary. Please contact the Director of Sixth Form for additional information.