



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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Dear parents/carers,

DRESS CODE

Firstly, may I congratulate our students, who come to college every day, dressed in an appropriate manner. As in so many other ways, they are excellent role models for younger students and great ambassadors for our Sixth Form.

As you know, we do not have a uniform for the Sixth Form. However, dressing appropriately for the occasion is a life-skill that we expect our students to demonstrate. Our dress code is very accommodating and most students find it flexible enough to allow them to express their individuality, whilst maintaining appropriate standards for a learning environment.

We have always reserved the right, as a last resort, to send students home to change, should they come to college inappropriately dressed. This is something we have resisted doing until now. With so much time lost during Lockdown, it is the last thing we want to do. However, this may have to change, as there is, unfortunately, a very small minority of students who need to be spoken to on a regular basis, for persistently flouting the dress code.

Please be reminded, especially if students are planning to buy clothes for college over the half-term holiday, that the following items are **NOT appropriate**:

- Clothes that reveal bare backs, **bare midriff** or plunging necklines
- Strapless, off the shoulder, or skimpy vest tops
- Any **clothes that reveal upper thighs** (unless worn with very thick leggings)
- Clothes with offensive slogans
- Shorts above the knee
- Ripped Jeans
- **Jogging/tracksuit bottoms or PE shorts***
- **Leggings**, unless worn with a thigh length dress/tunic
- Headwear, except that worn for religious reasons

*Year 12 OCR Sports students currently have practical sessions on a Thursday and some Year students have chosen a sporting enrichment activity on a Wednesday. For those students, sports wear is acceptable on those days. There should be no Year 13 students in sports wear, unless we have been informed of an event.

In choosing to enter our Sixth Form, students have agreed to comply with our dress code and I am sure you will want to support us in maintaining the standards that we have set.

Kind regards

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