

## | Dress Code

### DRESS CODE ETHOS

We expect Sixth Form students to take pride in their appearance and to be well presented at all times. As senior members of the school community and role models for younger students, it is important that clothing and footwear are worn appropriately. A smart dress code supports the values and ethos of our school.

Our Year 12 and Year 13 students are very much part of the wider school community, and as such, the expectation remains that dress is smart and suitable for a formal educational setting. At the same time, we recognise the importance of allowing Sixth Form students a degree of independence and personal choice in how they present themselves. This balance encourages students to make responsible decisions while remaining mindful that they share the environment with younger students.

Following a dress code also helps prepare students for future pathways, where professional standards of appearance are often expected in the workplace.

We are keen to ensure that dress does not become a distraction from learning or from planning for the future. Students are therefore expected to adhere to the dress code at all times. If a student's appearance does not meet these expectations, they may be asked to return home to change. In cases of uncertainty, students should seek guidance from their tutor or pastoral team before making their choice.

#### Tops

- **Formal shirt / blouse / top:** Short-sleeved styles are acceptable but thin straps, strapless or cropped tops are not permitted and there must be no cut-outs. Flannel lumberjack-style shirts are also not permitted. **Neckline must be in line with, or done up to, the top of armpits or higher.**
- **Jacket, V-neck jumper, cardigan, round-necked sweatshirt with a DISCREET logo/branding.** Hoodies, 'shackets' and denim jackets are not permitted.
- **A plain fleece** (with a discreet logo).
- **Polo shirts:** No T Shirts

#### Trousers / Skirts / Dresses

- **Tailored-style trouser or chinos:** full length, no denim or jeans
- **Skirt:** Skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and not so tight that they ride up beyond mid-thigh. No tube or body-con style skirts. Tights should be plain and the seam line should not be visible.
- **Dress:** Dresses and tights should comply with all the top and skirt rules.
- **Leggings:** Leggings should only be worn under a dress or skirt as an alternative to tights. Leggings are not an alternative to trousers.
- **Joggers and tracksuit bottoms are not allowed.**

#### Shoes

- **Plain smart shoes in leather or imitation leather, or plain smart boots.**
- **Formal style, low-heeled shoes.**
- **Ugg style boots or slippers are not permitted.**

#### Coat

- May not be worn as a substitute for a suit-style jacket. Coats, hats and scarves must be removed while in the school building.

**Hair colour** should be in accordance with the whole school policy.

**Jewellery** should be discreet, no facial piercings except a small nose stud.

The Sixth Form Pastoral Leaders, along with the Senior Leadership Team, will decide what is, or is not acceptable.