

## Cockermouth School Sixth Form Dress Code

### Tops

- **Formal shirt / blouse / top:** Short-sleeved styles are acceptable but thin straps and strapless tops are not permitted, and there must be no cut-outs. Flannel 'lumberjack' style shirts are 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 discreet logo / branding.** 'Shackets' and denim jackets are not permitted.
- **A plain fleece** (with discreet logo).
- **Polo shirts.**
- **Hoodies are allowed from 1 November until 1 April.** These must be either a school hoody, a plain coloured hoody (with discreet logo) or a leavers' hoody.

### Trousers / Skirt / Dress

- **Tailored-style trouser or chinos:** full length, no denim or jean-styles.
- **Skirt:** Skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and not so tight that they ride up beyond mid-thigh. 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. No tube style skirts.
- **Leggings:** Leggings should only be worn under a dress or skirt as an alternative to tights.

### Shoes

- **Plain smart shoes in leather or imitation leather, or plain smart boots.**
- **Formal style, low-heeled shoes.**

### Coat

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

**Hair colour** should be in accordance with the whole school policy. **Jewellery** should be discreet and the sixth form pastoral leaders, along with the Senior Leadership Team, will decide what is, or is not, acceptable.

### FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

#### Dress Code Ethos

We expect sixth form students to take care over their appearance and to be well-presented at all times. As the senior students in the school and role models for our younger year groups, it is important that all clothes and shoes are worn appropriately. A smart dress code fits well with our aims and ethos.

We believe that our year 12 and 13 students are part of the whole school community so the dress code for sixth form should continue to be smart. We adopt the approach that students are dressing for a formal work setting while at school, just as they may have to do for an employer in the future. As they will be able to do as employees in many work places, we want our sixth form students to have the freedom to make some choices for themselves.

We are very keen that dress is not a distraction from the important business of learning and planning for the future, so ask students to ensure they follow the dress code. We may ask students to return home to change if we feel that their appearance and choice of dress departs from the code and this guidance and, does not match the spirit and ethos of the school's approach to dress. In cases of doubt, students should speak to their tutor or pastoral leads about what dress is acceptable.

**Mr R J King**  
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