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Sixth Form Dress Code Policy

Sixth Form students are required to dress to a high standard. Sixth Form students are looked at as role models for our younger students and represent the Academy, therefore they are expected to wear suits suitable for an office workplace, such as ties, business suits and trousers or skirts.

Male Students

Male students must wear a business suit or blazer-style jacket at all times, with a shirt and tie. Jackets may not be substituted by jumpers and cardigans, although smart v-neck jumpers may be worn **in addition** during cold winter months under the jacket. They must not wear jeans, shorts or hoodies at any time.

Smart shoes like those worn lower down the school, although not necessarily black, should be worn at all times. No trainers, basketball boots or anything similar. We also do not expect students to wear hats or baseball caps on the premises.

Boys who choose to have long hair must wear it, tied with a black band, in a ponytail. Shaved heads are not acceptable.

No visible body piercings are permitted. As in Years 7 to 11, students are allowed to wear earrings but other visible body piercing, such as nose studs or lip rings, are not acceptable **under any circumstances**. Students who ignore this ruling and go ahead with a new piercing during term time will be excluded until they are able to remove it.

Boys are expected to come to school clean-shaven, or with a tidy beard/moustache.

Female Students

Female students' dress code should consist of a business style suit jacket with either a matching skirt or trousers, blouse, shirt or tailored top. Tops may not be sleeveless (spaghetti straps are permitted, backless or cropped). A dress may be worn if appropriate in style. Skirts and dresses should be of a length on or below the knee but no casual styled garments. Trousers must be of a tailored style and not jeans or jeans-like in appearance. Leggings or jeggings are not permitted.

Shoes should be of a type like that worn lower down the school, although not necessarily black and should not have a stiletto heel. Dr Martens style boots, trainers, clogs, and flip-flops are not permitted.

As is the case for our male students, jackets should be always worn. In cold weather, jumpers or cardigans may be worn in addition to jackets if necessary.

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No visible body piercings are permitted. Most jewellery is considered acceptable, except for tongue, nose or brow studs. However, students may be required to remove items if an excessive amount of jewellery is worn.

The following are **NOT** considered appropriate to a business-like working environment, therefore, are not permitted to be worn in the Sixth Form; skirts shorter than 5cm above knee, slits of more than 2" or that are tight, jackets of an informal style such as denim, leather or similar, t-shirts - especially those of a baggy style with logos or similar across the front or back, dresses or shirt/tops which are strapless, backless or similar and cropped tops that expose the abdomen.

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