

## Sixth Form Dress Code 2023-2024

It is a Sixth Form privilege to have a separate dress code. Students are expected to come dressed appropriately for what is their place of work. The general guideline for Sixth Form dress is that it is appropriate for a focused, academic working atmosphere, complying with current Health and Safety regulations. Many outsiders judge the school by the appearance of its Sixth Formers and younger students look to the sixth form students as role models. Our Sixth Form Dress code is very inclusive and allows for freedom and personal expression. There are not many prohibited items so please ensure you are abiding by the following guidelines. The dress code is reviewed annually.

**Clothing** should be appropriate for a good working atmosphere therefore should cover the midriff, shoulders and underarm area. To comply with this the following items are **not permitted**:

- Very short skirts, dresses, or shorts (above mid thigh)
- Leggings (unless worn with an item of clothing reaching your mid thigh)
- Clothing made from transparent materials
- Clothing with fraying, rips or holes
- Cropped, low cut or backless clothing
- Clothing without sleeves which cover the shoulder
- Clothing with inappropriate or offensive images or logos
- Any non-religious headgear which includes hoods up
- Shorts of swimwear, sportswear or beachwear style.

All **jewellery** should be appropriate for a working environment. Body piercings are not permitted, other than earrings and one small discreet nose stud. Hair should be of a natural colour. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

**Shoes** should be comfortable and adhere to health and safety rules. Excessively high heels, flip flops, sliders or sandals with no backs are not permitted.

**Coats and jackets** designed for outdoor use should be removed at the start of the school day and not worn around the site or in lessons.

## **Dress Code for Formal Occasions:**

On formal occasions where you are representing the school you will be required to wear more formal attire. Examples of this would be Open Evenings, Awards Evenings or showing visitors around the school.

All Sixth Form students are required to wear a **lanyard and identity badge** at all times when on the school site, unless under the direction of the teacher (for example during practical lessons). This is a safeguarding requirement so that we can recognise with ease the people who should be present on site. Students will be issued with their own photographic identity card and a coloured lanyard in which to display it, and they will keep this for the duration of their time in the Sixth Form. If a student forgets to wear their lanyard to school, they must borrow a spare from the Sixth Form Office, where they will have to pay a £1 fine. Multiple offences may result in the removal of home study. In the case of loss or damage, students are liable for the cost of £5 to replace their lanyard and identity care and this should be arranged by the student with the main school office as soon as possible.

## In the event of a breach of this Dress Code

Students will be asked to remove any items which are not deemed acceptable dress. The Sixth Form Team has a set of T-Shirts, hoodies and trousers which will be loaned out for the day if this is needed in order to ensure the dress code is met. If this is still not possible the Head of Sixth Form will send students home to change. If feasible, they will then be expected to return to school for the remainder of the day. Students will be expected to make up the lost time in school for this