

# Sixth Form Dress Code

## *Guiding Principle*

**TO BE A PART OF THE SCHOOL BUT APART FROM IT.**

The dress code for sixth formers ensures that uniform is suitable for a working environment. As senior members of the school community they are encouraged to prepare for the workplace by wearing smart and professional workplace wear.

At all times sixth form students should be conscious of their position as leading students in the school and local community; their dress and conduct should always reflect this. Students are expected to adhere to the uniform policy both inside and outside of school premises, including during their journey to and from school. The importance of 6<sup>th</sup> formers as role models for students lower down the school must not be underestimated. It also serves in part to provide a respectful image for the school which benefits all who are associated with the establishment.

### 1. A smart two-piece navy or dark grey /charcoal plain suit

- Trouser suit - the trousers must match the jacket and be suitable for a professional and traditional workplace.
- Skirt/dress suit – the skirt **must** match the jacket, be suit material and be an appropriate length for a working environment, (sits just above the knee). Skirts should not be a jersey or lyra material.

### 2. Shirts and blouses

- A smart plain white or pale blue cotton shirt or blouse (NOT striped) with sleeves and a collar, worn tucked in.
- Students wearing a shirt are expected to wear a school tie.
- Holders of a 'School Colours Tie' are entitled to wear their distinctive tie featuring the school crest.
- For students wearing a blouse - a school or 'colours' tie is optional.

### 3. Jumpers and cardigans

- A plain, v neck jumper or a cardigan in navy, grey or burgundy.
- Jumpers that hide the collar of the shirt/ blouse are not permitted.
- Hoodies, 'oversized' jumpers, or branded items are not permitted.
- A jumper or cardigan is not a substitute for a jacket.

### 4. Tights and socks

- Socks should be plain black, brown, navy, grey or burgundy.
- Tights should be plain black or skin coloured (and should not have holes in).

### 5. Footwear

- Shoes should be flat to low heel in plain black, dark brown or navy blue.
- Stiletto/fine-point, backless shoes, heels, and boots are not to be worn in school.
- Trainers or pumps are not permitted

**6. Outside coats and scarves**

- No particular style is specified but a plain coat is recommended. Coats must be big enough to wear on top of the suit and are not to be worn instead of a suit jacket.
- Coats may be worn to travel to and from school and when in transit between one school building and another. No outdoor coats or scarves may be worn in classrooms.

**7. Hijab**

- Plain coloured hijabs are permitted.

**8. Hair**

- Hair dye should be in keeping with natural shades. Both hairstyle and colour should be suitable for a professional working environment.
- Should students choose inappropriate patterns, colours or styles the school reserves the right to ask a student to modify their hair.

**9. Underwear**

- No underwear should be visible.

**10. Jewellery and make-up**

- Make up should not be excessive
- Jewellery should be discreet; a small subtle nose studs (NOT ring) is permitted but other facial piercings including septum piercing other body piercings are not permitted.

**House-branded Clothing**

Only House Captains are permitted to wear house branded clothing. Some House Captains will want to support their house by wearing official house branded garments for House events, such as T-shirts and 'hoodies'. Such garments should only be worn for the duration of the House event itself. They must be removed when the House event has finished.

**Sportswear**

- BTEC sport students should wear their Ecclesbourne t-shirt and ¼ zip top. This should be combined with navy tracksuit bottoms, shorts or black leggings.
- During Fitness and Well-being sessions all student to wear 6<sup>th</sup> form sports t-shirt and either black leggings, shorts, or tracksuit bottoms.
- Footwear for sporting activities should provide good traction and support for physical activity.

**Summer Dress Code**

The summer dress code season starts for the whole school at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

For Sixth Formers:

- Jackets do not have to be worn.
- Ties do not have to be worn.

**Please Note:**

Decisions regarding whether an item of a student's uniform is in line with the uniform policy will be made by the Sixth Form Office. If in any doubt, please keep all receipts and tags on items so that they can be returned if necessary.

If a student's uniform is not in line with the policy, the student will be notified, and parent or guardian will be contacted by the school office. Uniform should then be rectified within 7 days. During this period, they may be given a piece of school clothing. Upon return to school, the student will be expected to have uniform in keeping with the policy of the Sixth Form.

Thank you in advance for your support.

