



## **VI Form Dress Code**

### **Requirements for VI Form**

VI Form students are role models to the rest of the Academy and in addition to their outstanding behaviour, attitude and ethos, are also expected to set an example through their high standard of business-like dress and the way in which they present themselves.

To reflect our academic, attendance and punctuality expectations, VI Form students are required to wear smart business dress at all times.

### **Requirements Year 12 & 13**

- Smart, business wear suit blazer or jacket
  - Smart, business wear jumper
  - Smart, business wear shirt with stiff collar buttoned to the neck
  - Smart, business wear turtle neck
  - Smart, business wear tie
  - Smart, business wear trousers
  - Smart, leather or suede style shoes
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- Smart, business wear suit blazer or jacket
  - Smart, business wear cardigan or jumper
  - Smart, business wear shirt, blouse or top
  - Smart, business wear trousers
  - Smart, business wear skirt or dress – reaching the knee at a minimum
  - Smart, leather or suede style shoes – heels must be 5cm or below

Please note: Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Images of appropriate uniform styles have been included in the appendix.

### **Lanyard**

Students must wear the Academy issued lanyard and Student ID at all times.

### **Coats**

Coats and jackets must be one colour and any branding must be kept to a minimum. We recommend that coats and jackets are weatherproof and keep students protected in times of adverse weather.

Please note: suede jackets, denim jackets, leather jackets, hoodies, tracksuit tops and sports jumpers are not permitted. If these are worn on the way to the Academy, they must be removed prior to arriving at the Main Gates and stored away for the duration of the Academy day.

### **Jewellery**

Students in the VI Form may wear discreet and minimal jewellery.

All items of jewellery must be removed for P.E, Dance and Sport-related activities.

The Academy recommends VI Form students do not wear expensive, valuable or sentimental items of jewellery in school. The Academy will not be held responsible for loss of any personal items on Academy premises.



### **Accessories**

In cold weather, scarves, gloves and hats may be worn **outside** of Academy buildings and in hot weather, caps may be worn outside of Academy buildings. These accessories may not be worn in lessons or assemblies.

### **Hair & Make-Up**

Make-up may be worn; however, it should be kept to a minimum and the effect created must be as 'natural' as possible.

Nails must be kept to a reasonable length to allow effective, safe participation in PE and practical subjects.

### **Tattoos**

Under the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969, it is a criminal offence to tattoo anyone under the age of 18 years. For VI Form students over the age of 18 years, tattoos must not be visible and should be covered at all times.

### **Religious Dress**

Religious headwear should no longer than shoulder length, and must not obscure the face. Requests for other religious dress not covered in this policy should be made to the Governing Body in writing for consideration, with reasons given.

### **Unacceptable Uniform Items**

- Any visible piercings other than nose and ear piercings are not permitted
- Skirts above knee length are not permitted
- Trousers and skirts of demin, jersey or lycra material are not permitted
- Leggings, jeggings, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, joggers or shorts are not permitted
- Tight fitting, revealing or sheer clothing is not permitted
- Low cut, off the shoulder or thin strap tops are not permitted
- Trainers and sports shoes are not permitted
- Stiletto heels, or any heels above 5cm, are not permitted
- Denim jackets, suede jackets, tracksuit tops and jackets, non-academy jumpers, cardigans, leather/leather-style jackets and hoodies (zip up and pull over) are not permitted
- Coats and jackets with inappropriate logos are not permitted
- Wearing coats, jackets and additional accessories during lessons and assemblies is not permitted
- Caps and hats are not permitted inside Academy buildings
- Bandanas, Durags and combs are not permitted
- Visible tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not permitted

Acceptable standards of dress with the VI Form remain at the discretion of the VI Form team and the Senior Leadership Team. Those students, who do not meet the VI Form dress code policy can expect to be sent home to change.

Although the requirements of students' dress are set out as clearly as possible in this policy, occasionally anomalies occur. **If you require any clarification regarding what is or is not acceptable, please contact your child's Head of Year. If in doubt, please consult us before purchasing items.** In all cases, the Co-Principals' decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform is final.



We look forward to welcoming all VI Form students in September wearing smart, business attire. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the VI Form team. I have read the VI Form Dress Code overleaf and accept the conditions therein and understand if any at any time I find myself in breach of any dress code infringement, I will be subject to the school's disciplinary procedures and that a copy of this agreement will be referred to in any disciplinary matters undertaken:

Name: ..... Form Group: .....

Signed by student: ..... Date: .....

**Appendix 1: VI Form Dress Images**

