



# Sixth Form Dress Code

## **Requirements for Year 12 and 13 students**

Sixth Form students are role models to the rest of the Academy. Sixth form students are required to wear smart professional dress at all times.

### **Expected Attire:**

- Smart professional suit blazer or jacket
- Smart professional jumper (unbranded or with a small, discrete logo)
- Smart professional shirt with stiff collar buttoned to the neck and most be worn with a tie
- Smart professional turtle neck
- Smart professional tie (if wearing a shirt)
- Smart professional trousers
- Smart professional leather or suede style shoes
- Smart professional suit blazer or jacket
- Smart professional cardigan or jumper
- Smart professional shirt, blouse or top
- Smart professional trousers
- Smart professional skirt or dress – reaching the knee as a minimum
- Smart professional 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 Appendix 1.

### **Lanyard**

Students must wear the Academy issued lanyard and Student ID at all times. If students forget or lose their lanyard, they must inform the Sixth Form Team, and gain a temporary lanyard or pay for a replacement.

### **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 Sixth 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 Sixth 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.

Hair colour and style must also appear as 'natural' as possible. Our Academy champions the right of students with Afro-textured hair to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black students' racial, ethnic and cultural identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We celebrate Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to: afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

Please note that the hair styles selected should meet the other elements of our hair policy (i.e. natural colours should be used, no use of tramlines etc) and hair must also be tied up for health and safety reasons: such as during PE lessons and sporting activities; when in science labs or design and technology lessons; and to avoid trip hazards: students should follow staff instructions on when this is required.

Any head coverings worn for Afro-textured hair should be for the purpose of protecting/maintaining the style selected. They should be plain black in colour (without patterns, logos or branding), and be fitted (tight to the hairstyle/head). Any additional material (such as the tail of a durag) should be as short as possible and tucked in (e.g. to the shirt collar). If you are unsure as to whether a particular style of head-covering is policy-compliant we recommend that you seek permission from the Co-Principals before purchasing or wearing it: the final decision on whether a head covering is compliant with our policy rests with the Co-Principals.

## **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 be 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. Durags are permitted, however they must be plain black.

## **Term 6 – Summer Term**

Students may wear a plain, unbranded polo shirt in Term 6.

## **Unacceptable Attire:**

- Any visible piercings other than nose and ear piercings are not permitted
- Leather shirts, trousers and any other leather-looking items are not permitted
- Knee high socks are not permitted
- Leg warmers are not permitted
- Skirts above knee length are not permitted
- Trousers and skirts of denim or jersey 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 (inc. converse and canvas pumps)
- Stiletto heels, or any heels above 5cm, are not permitted

- Denim jackets, suede jackets, tracksuit tops and jackets, 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
- Visible tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not permitted
- Boots (above the ankle) are not permitted
- Tops that reveal the midriff

Acceptable standards of dress with the Sixth Form remain at the discretion of the Sixth Form team and the Senior Leadership Team. Those students, who do not meet the Sixth 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Sixth Form team or the Co-Principals.

## Appendix 1: Sixth Form Dress Example Images

