



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 professional 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 professional dress at all times.

Requirements Year 12 & 13 (What should be worn)

- 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
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- 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 the appendix.

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 VI 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 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 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 Uniform Items

- 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, 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 (inc. converse and canvas pumps)
- 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 and combs are not permitted
- Visible tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not permitted
- Boots (above the ankle) are not permitted
- Leather jackets
- Tops that reveal the midriff



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, professional attire. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the VI Form team.

Appendix 1: VI Form Dress Example Images

