

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON

UNIFORM – SIXTH FORM

Introduction

The Governors of King Edward VI School believe that smart School attire is an essential part of the ethos of the School.

In the First to Fifth Year, students are required to wear School uniform. When students enter the Sixth Form they are required to wear a suit for all formal occasions but may wear smart office dress during the normal school day at the discretion of the Sixth Form pastoral team.

For the purposes of this policy, School attire for all years shall be referred to as 'School uniform'.

The School Clothing Regulations for the Sixth Form follow.

Sixth Form dress code

Sixth Form pupils are expected to wear suits to school for all formal occasions such as the start of term, Speech Day, the Carol Service and Thanksgiving. For the purposes of this policy, a suit is defined below.

The School reserves the right in all these matters to decide what is and what is not acceptable.

The following guidelines may help in deciding what is appropriate:

BOYS

- A suit where the jacket and trousers are of the same colour and material.
- A sports jacket/blazer and tailored trousers which can take a crease.
- A formal collared shirt.
- In cold weather a v-neck sweater may be worn under the jacket.
- Smart shoes.
- A tie.
- Jewellery, if worn, should be discreet.

GIRLS

- A suit where the jacket is of the same colour and material as the corresponding trousers, skirt or dress
- A smart tailored skirt which is not far from the knee, or a tailored pair of trousers.
- A smart, sleeved top, blouse or shirt
- Smart shoes.
- Jewellery, if worn, should be discreet.
- Dark coloured or patterned underwear, which is visible through light coloured clothing, should not be worn.

Summer uniform

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In the second half of the summer term the following modifications are allowed:

Boys: Jackets need not be worn.

Only shirts with a formal collar should be worn, long or short sleeved.

The tie may be removed if the jacket is not being worn.

Girls: Jackets need not be worn.

Tops should still be smart, have sleeves and should not be revealing or tight-fitting

General

- Extravagant styles and colours will not be permitted. Denim or canvas clothing or shoes should not be worn. Hair styles, footwear and outdoor clothing must be in keeping with these general principles.
- Facial hair is not permitted. The School reserves the right to require a student to shave if necessary and may oblige a student to shave in the Nurses' Office. The Nurses' Office always has available appropriate shaving equipment. If there are specific medical reasons why this is inappropriate, a letter from the student's GP addressed to the Head of Year will be needed.
- Jeans, casual chinos and other types of informal trouser are not permitted.
- Tattoos are not permitted.
- Clothes should not be over-sized or under-sized, they should not be inappropriately tight-fitting or revealing, nor should they be baggy, unclean or in a state of poor repair.
- Coats are recommended for travel to and from School in the colder months. Students may choose to wear a School hoodie or tracksuit top in place of a coat but non-School hoodies or sweatshirts should not be worn.
- If pupils or their parents have any doubt as to whether an item of clothing is suitable for School they should consult the Director of the Sixth Form.
- Nose studs, tongue studs and the like are not allowed under any circumstances.

Responsibilities

It is the Head Master's responsibility to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented and maintained. The Head Master will also determine any questions of compliance with the regulations. The Head Master delegates particular responsibilities concerning School uniform to the key pastoral staff under the guidance of the Assistant Head (Pastoral).

All members of staff have a responsibility to ensure students comply with the Clothing Regulations. Members of staff should report a student to his/her tutor and/or Head of Year for repeated non-compliance with the regulations.

If a pupil is required for reasons relating to their religion to wear an item, or to adopt an appearance, that might be interpreted as being in contravention of these regulations, the Head Master will consider the circumstance on receipt of a written

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communication from a person of authority in the religious community. **However, the face is required to be visible at all times.** Variations to uniform will also be considered on receipt of medical advice.

Sanctions

For minor breaches of the regulations a student shall be warned about their non-compliance with the regulations and asked to remedy the situation: for example, to get a haircut or have a shave in the School Nurse's office or wear a suit at all times when attending school.

For major breaches of the regulations a pupil may be asked to leave the School premises to remedy the breach. This should be for no longer than is necessary to remedy the breach. This will not be considered to be an exclusion under the terms of the Parent Contract but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules this will become a disciplinary issue and appropriate action will be taken including, if required, temporary exclusion or, in very serious cases, expulsion as defined in the School's Pastoral Care, Behaviour and Discipline Policy. In all such cases, parents will be notified and consulted.

Breaches of the Clothing Regulations

Examples of minor breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

- Top button undone
- Shirt untucked
- Skirt too short or improperly worn
- Inappropriately tight-fitting or revealing clothing
- Long hair (boys)
- Facial hair

Examples of major breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

- Shaved head
- Unnatural hair colouring
- Offensive clothing
- A tattoo, particularly in a very visible location

Complaints

The School's complaints policy and procedures shall be followed.

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