



**KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL,
SOUTHAMPTON**

Sixth Form Uniform Policy

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All students in the School are required to look smart and well presented.
The School Clothing Regulations for the Sixth Form follow:

Sixth Form students are expected to wear suits to school for all formal occasions or when specifically requested to by a member of staff running an event.

The School preference is that Sixth Form students wear suits for every school day. However, if a suit is not worn, smart business dress may be substituted.

For the purposes of this policy, both a suit and smart business dress are 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.
- OR
- Smart business dress - A sports jacket/blazer and tailored straight-leg trousers in a plain colour
 - A formal collared shirt that is long enough to remain tucked in
 - A v-neck jumper of a single colour may be worn under the jacket
 - Smart formal shoes in brown or black.
 - A tie
 - Jewellery, if worn, should be discreet
 - Underwear should not be visible

GIRLS

- A suit where the jacket is of the same colour and material as the corresponding trousers, skirt or dress
- OR
- A smart tailored skirt or a tailored pair of trousers in a plain colour, to be worn with a jacket. Skirts and dresses should be worn no shorter than a hand's breadth from the knee
 - A collared blouse or shirt, or a smart top. Tops should not be revealing, expose midriffs or be low cut
 - A v-neck jumper of a single colour may be worn under the jacket
 - Smart formal shoes in brown or black
 - Jewellery, if worn, should be discreet
 - Underwear should not be visible

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Summer uniform

When summer uniform is declared, the following modifications are allowed:

Boys: Jackets need not be worn.
The tie may be removed

Girls: Jackets need not be worn.

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.
- Jeans, casual chinos and other types of informal trouser are not permitted.
- Visible 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 students 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, or any visible piercing other than in the ear are not allowed under any circumstances.

Responsibilities

It is the Head's responsibility to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented and maintained. The Head will also determine any questions of compliance with the regulations. The Head 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 student 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 will consider the circumstance on receipt of a written 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.

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Sanctions

For minor breaches of the regulations, a student will be warned about their non-compliance with the regulations and asked to remedy the situation.

For major breaches of the regulations, or repeated minor breaches, a student 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 a student 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

The definition of breaches of the clothing regulations are at the School's discretion. However, some examples of minor breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

- Top button undone
- Shirt untucked
- Skirt too short
- Inappropriately tight-fitting or revealing clothing
- Failure to wear jacket
- Wearing large, oversized jumpers
- Smart top is too revealing
- Shoes are not formal or smart

Examples of major breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

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

Complaints

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