



**KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL,
SOUTHAMPTON**

Sixth Form Uniform Policy

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Introduction

Dress codes rely to a degree on social convention and on personal taste, both of which are subjective. Nevertheless, the primary objective of the School in terms of the Sixth Form Dress Code is that pupils look well-presented at all times. Therefore, the School reserves the right to make judgements on pupils' personal choices when it comes to the dress code, and the School remains the arbiter of whether a particular item of clothing, or a particular outfit, is suitable for wearing at School.

All items of clothing should be formal in nature. As a guide, pupils should consider what they would wear to a job interview as generally suitable.

In terms of revealing clothing, the general principle is that no piece of clothing should reveal either the underwear or private areas of the body.

If students or their parents have any doubt as to whether an item of clothing is suitable for School they should consult the Assistant Head (Director of Sixth Form) before purchasing.

Sixth Form Dress Code

- A suit in any colour or material.
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- Formal business dress – A jacket and tailored trousers, or a tailored skirt.
 - For boys, a collared shirt and a tie.
 - For girls, a collared blouse/shirt or a suitable top.
 - A jumper that fits under a jacket may be worn. Jumpers should not be chunky or made of fleece material, should not have any graphic prints or oversized logos, or have hoods.
 - Suitable formal, leather shoes.
 - Jewellery, if worn, should be discreet.

Summer uniform – when declared by the Head

- Jackets need not be worn.
- The tie may be removed and top button undone.
- A formal pair of tailored shorts may be worn. If so, then shoes may be worn with low cut socks.

General

- Facial hair is not permitted in the Sixth Form.
- Hair styles in general should be neat and tidy and away from the face. Only natural hair colours are permitted.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Any visible piercing other than in the ear are not allowed under any circumstances.
- No item of clothing should reveal the midriff or torso.

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Games kit/Gym kit

There are no formal requirements for games kit or gym kit in the Sixth Form. However, all clothing should be practical for movement, which means that clothing should not be revealing of private body parts when engaged in sports or exercise. In the gym, tops must be worn at all times, and should not expose the midriff.

However there are circumstances in which a pupil in the Sixth Form may want to move around the site, or leave the site whilst wearing games/gym kit. This includes visiting any area of the School other than the Sports Hall and its general environs, being in the Concourse, getting on School buses and when representing the School attending sports fixtures. In these circumstances the Sixth Form tracksuit must be worn.

Challenging pupil dress

If a pupil is wearing the correct items, but incorrectly, then any member of staff may challenge them on this. Such challenges would include top buttons undone, shirts not tucked in or jackets not being worn.

Challenging a pupil on other aspects of dress is more difficult, and often causes embarrassment to both staff and student. This is particularly true of items of clothing that are too revealing, or items of clothing that are insufficiently formal.

Therefore, if any member of staff feels that a pupil is not wearing the correct items, they should contact the relevant Head of Year, so that a conversation can be had in private.

Exceptions

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 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.

Sanctions

If a pupil does not comply with the dress regulations:

In the first instance a pupil will be warned about their non-compliance with the regulations by their Head of Year and asked to remedy the situation.

If a pupil repeatedly fails to comply with dress regulations, they will be warned by the Assistant Head (Director of Sixth Form) that they risk being sent home if their non-compliance continues. The Assistant Head (Director of Sixth Form) will contact parents to let them know that this conversation has taken place.

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If, having been warned by the Assistant Head (Director of Sixth Form), the pupil's noncompliance continues then they will be sent home for the day. This will not be considered an exclusion under the terms of the Parent Contract but an authorised absence.

However, if after this point a pupil still does not comply with the dress code then the matter will become disciplinary in nature, and both temporary or even permanent exclusions may be considered.