



King Edward VI School Sixth Form Dress Code 2018 - 19



Why do we have a dress code? Part of being in a Sixth Form is preparing to work in a professional environment, to understand the expectations of academic institutions and employers. Our Sixth Form students are also role models to younger students. We expect them to uphold our values and high standards, to take pride in what they do.

To that end they are expected to remember that **school is a professional environment where they must dress smartly, modestly and with the respect of others in mind**. Our policy aims to give students maximum choice whilst setting the tone for learning.

All Sixth Form students must wear their lanyard and identity badge when on the school site.

ALL STUDENTS:

- **Clothing should be modest reflecting our professional environment**
- **Clothing must not have any offensive words or images**
- **Shoes should be smart and appropriate for lessons (open toed cannot be worn in Science lessons for example). Flip-flops and trainers are not permitted**
- **Hair must be neat, of a natural colour and not shaven**
- **Trousers or jeans must be smart, full-length and not ripped or frayed**
- **Jewellery may be worn as long as it does not compromise health and safety standards**
- **No facial piercings are permitted**
- **One nose piercing is acceptable, but only with a discreet stud and not a hoop**
- **Sportswear is not permitted**
- **Hoodies should not be worn**
- **Tailored shorts are not permitted before a defined point in the summer term**

Boys:

- **Boys must wear a collared shirt or polo**

Girls

- **Cleavage, midriffs and underwear should not be on show, including visible bra straps**
- **Skirts/dresses must be close to the knee and leggings should only be worn with a skirt**
- **Spaghetti straps and strapless tops/dresses are not acceptable**

SANCTIONS:

We hope that all students will be able to conform to this dress code and we believe it is a fair expectation that still allows a large amount of choice. However, where students do not adhere to the dress code we will need to take action:

First offence: A conversation will be had with a tutor/teacher/Sixth Form Team member. The student will be asked to dress appropriately and this will be logged on Go4Schools so parents are aware.

Second offence: Some items of clothing (shoes and cardigans) are held by the Sixth Form and the student will be asked to wear it. The incident will be logged on Go4Schools and a letter will be sent home to warn that further offences will result in a formal sanction.

Third offence: We will decide either to isolate a student in school or to send them home. If the latter, we will call home first.

If a student loses their lanyard and identity badge there is a £5 charge for replacing it.

Acceptable footwear



Unacceptable footwear

