

JCoSS 6th Form Appearance Code

The Appearance Code for 6th form students is largely the same as that for staff. This welcomes a wide range of styles and gives room for originality and creativity, while upholding the need to dress appropriately for a working day as an adult in the professional environment of a school.

The school community includes students from 11-18 and staff from their 20s to their 70s. All members of the community need to dress in a way that reflects the school's ethos and be mindful of the modelling they provide to others, especially younger students.

'Appropriate' means 'what belongs' in a particular setting. The key guide to whether clothing is suitable for school is whether a member of staff would wear it.

The following, mostly based on the Code of Conduct for Staff, provides a guide to 6th form students on what is appropriate to school:

- Clothing is practical, safe, comfortable and clean.
- It does not include shorts or tracksuit bottoms; there are no rips (intentional or otherwise) and no suggestive, aggressive or political messaging.
- Clothing covers shoulders and midriff, and does not overemphasize body shape. No underwear is visible.
- Tattoos and body piercings are not visible, other than discreet ear rings and nose studs (NB the legal minimum age for tattoos is 18)
- Hats, coats and hoods are not worn in the building
- Hair should be of a natural colour
- Shoes have covered toes and backs (i.e. no flip flops)

This is not an exhaustive list, because **suitable appearance relies on sensible judgment and on reading the context**. Students' appearance may be questioned by any member of staff: they may be asked to find alternative clothing or sent home to change. In cases of dispute or doubt, the Head of Year's decision is final.

NB: The Appearance Code applies to all students; reasonable adjustments will be made for individuals when necessary and when agreed between relevant staff, students and parents.

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