

## Dress Code for Sixth Form pupils

### Female

- A formal suit of your choice; the colour must be sober and formal - plain, pinstripe or a discreet pattern is allowed.
- Skirts must not be shorter than just above the knee and must be of the same material as the jacket.
- Trousers must not be skinny-fit or low-slung
- A formal shirt, blouse or top (not low cut, fully covering the shoulders and midriff)
- Formal style low-heeled shoes. Smart boots must only be worn with appropriate skirt or under trousers (NB: Casual trainer style, plimsolls, sandals, stiletto heels and heavy/ugg-style boots are not allowed)
- Tights or socks must be plain black or natural
- Coats may not be worn as a substitute for a suit jacket (Coats, hats and scarves must be removed while in School)
- Jewellery must be limited to one pair of discreet earrings
- Other piercings in the ear, nose or other visible areas on the face or elsewhere are not allowed
- Make up must be kept to the minimum
- Where necessary (e.g. in laboratories) hair must be tied back or worn up

### Sports Kit

- White short-sleeved polo or t-shirt; navy shorts; navy tracksuit bottoms; navy sweatshirt; white short socks; trainers suitable for sport (not black soled)

### Male

- A formal suit of your choice; plain, pinstripe or a discreet pattern is allowed
- A formal shirt of your choice, appropriate for wearing with your suit (heavy material and lumberjack style shirts are not acceptable)
- A suitable tie or any school tie you are entitled to wear
- A pullover (if worn) should be formal v-neck style in plain dark blue, grey or black and appropriate for wearing under a suit jacket, not as a substitute for it
- Black or brown formal shoes (not trainers or similar, or heavy boots) with socks (not white)
- Coats and other tops should be dark and may not be worn as a substitute for a suit jacket. (Coats hats and scarves must be removed while in School)
- Studs (in the ear or elsewhere) and ostentatious accessories are not allowed
- Boys should be clean shaven

### Sports Kit

- Sports shirt in House colours\*; navy shorts; school football socks\*; football boots (nylon or rubber studs); shin guards.

### School Outfitters - Items marked \* can be bought from the School outfitters

Howard Bros Ltd: 30 The Broadway,  
Mill Hill NW7 3LL  
Tel: 020 8959 4987, Fax: 020 8906 0166  
Website: [www.howardbrosandpullens.co.uk](http://www.howardbrosandpullens.co.uk)

Uniform4kids: 1103-1105 Finchley Road,  
Temple Fortune NW11 0QB  
Tel: 020 8209 0999  
Website: [uniform4kids.com](http://uniform4kids.com)

The School recommends [www.madsocks.co.uk](http://www.madsocks.co.uk) - buy your socks here to benefit the School and good causes.

## **Further guidance for pupils and parents**

### **Dress Code Ethos**

- We expect Sixth Formers to take care over their dress and appearance and to be well presented at all times. As the senior pupils in the School and role models for our younger year groups, it is important that all your clothes and shoes are clean, in good repair and worn smartly.
- The School believes that it is appropriate for our aims and ethos and for a community of pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 that our dress code for Sixth Form should continue to be relatively formal. Nevertheless, we also offer some opportunity for self-expression in choosing the colour and style of your suits, shirts / blouses and ties.
- We adopt the approach that you are dressing for a formal work setting when you come to School (just as you may have to do for an employer in the future) and we hope to support you in developing your sense of good taste and your judgement as to what is appropriate dress for any given situation.
- While in School, garments in denim or leather or with logos are not allowed, nor are baseball caps or hooded tops. For female pupils, our experience has shown that we are most often required to insist upon changes to inappropriate footwear (boots) and skirts that are far shorter than our expectation of just above the knee ( a maximum of 2 to 3 inches should be a sensible guide), or are of the clingy lycra type.
- In accordance with current social conventions on appearance in formal work settings, we generally expect that hair should be of a single natural colour and its style and length, together with your dress and appearance generally, should not be ostentatious. Boys should be clean shaven.
- Similarly, ear-rings should not be worn during the School by male pupils. If male pupils choose to have their ears pierced then they should do so at the beginning of a major School holiday so that the piercing has healed by the time of their return to School. This is a matter for pupils and parents to judge but it is important to note that the School does not allow sleeper studs or sticking plaster over the piercing if the piercing is not adequately established and no exceptions will be made to our published dress code.
- Female pupils may wear a single set of ear-rings but they must be a simple, discreet style and worn in the ear-lobe only.
- For all pupils, piercings in other parts of the ear (or any other parts of the face such as nose and eyebrow) are not allowed and, if necessary, must be removed during the School day.
- The School may ask pupils to return home to change if we feel that any pupil's appearance and choice of dress departs from the code and this guidance and does not match the spirit and ethos of the School's approach to uniform. In cases of doubt please speak to your Tutor and your Housemaster for guidance. Ultimately, the Head of Sixth Form or an Asst. Head of Sixth Form, in consultation with the Principal Deputy Head, will judge what dress and appearance is, or is not, acceptable.
- We formally review our uniform rules and dress code as an annual agenda item for senior pastoral staff and the pupils' School Council.