

Dress code

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Policy statement

One of the freedoms of Sixth Form is that students are not required to wear a uniform. However, it is important that they take pride in their appearance. Sixth Form Centre students are expected to dress in a manner that is **modest, appropriate** and **tidy**. Clothes should be comfortable yet purposeful, and suitable for a professional working day. The dress code applies at all times on the SFC site, unless on a trip or specific, teacher-approved activity that requires different clothing.

Sixth Form Centre students should wear:

- **In general:** clothing should be clean and in a good state of repair.
- **Lanyard and ID badge:** these should be worn around your neck at all times.
- **Trousers:** tailored trousers, chinos or jeans.
- **Shorts:** knee length chino or denim shorts, or culottes.
- **Tops:**
 - Collared shirts, polo shirts, blouses or t-shirts.
 - Jumpers, sweatshirts or hoodies, worn with the hood down.
 - Jackets or cardigans.
 - Tops should be of appropriate length and cut, to cover chest and midriff.
- **Skirts and dresses:** of an appropriate length (longer than fingertips when standing up).
- **Footwear:** clean shoes or trainers, in a good state of repair.
- **Hair and accessories:**
 - Hair should be neat and tidy, and should be in a natural tone.
 - Jewellery, makeup and fake nails may need to be removed in certain sessions.
 - Ear piercings and one discreet nose stud are permitted. Other piercings should not be visible.
- **Sportswear:** should be worn for PE lessons and physical enrichment sessions.

Below are examples of what is considered inappropriate:

Insufficiently smart

- Frayed or ripped clothing
- **Jogging bottoms** and leggings (unless for PE / enrichment)
- Shorts: cargo or beach shorts

- Flip flops, crocs or sliders
- Active wear (unless for PE / enrichment)

Inappropriate

- Clothing that:
 - Displays offensive slogans or messages
 - Advocates illegal acts or hate crimes
 - References drugs or profanities
 - Shows any other inappropriate imagery
- Very high heels

Immodest

- Any clothing that is see-through, strappy, strapless or **cropped**.

Please note:

Students may be required to wear more professional clothing for formal occasions such as business presentations, workplace visits and the Prom and when representing the SFC.

Outdoor clothing e.g. coats, hats and scarves should not be worn inside the SFC building.

Any questions regarding the SFC dress code should be directed to the Director (Inclusion), as should any queries about any reasonable adjustments on medical/sensory or religious grounds. If a student's dress is deemed to not meet the dress code, the student will be asked to remove it or change it. A student may also be asked to go home to change, regardless of cost or distance.