



GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY

Dress Code for the Sixth Form

Policy Name	Dress Code for the Sixth Form
Committee	Curriculum and Student Welfare
Owner	Head of Sixth and Deputy Head
Statutory	No

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Sixth form students are our school's role models who have contact with younger students, parents/guardians, official visitors and/or members of the public. Sixth formers are therefore required to present a smart image which would be suitable for a formal working environment. This requires being neat, clean, tidy and well groomed whilst at school, on the school's premises or elsewhere whilst representing the school. This code applies at all times. The policy is underpinned by the principle that all students will take a sensible and safe approach to dress and appearance, cleanliness and personal hygiene. All students should set a positive role model for younger students with whom they have regular contact and are therefore required to adhere to the following standards:

1. Smart dress female: A smart shirt/blouse/top should be worn during school hours. No restrictions have been placed on colour but we want students to 'think smart'. There is strictly no denim allowed and girls should wear appropriate tailored trousers or skirts that are no shorter than 10cm above the knee. If skirts are shorter than the knee students must wear tights that are black, navy or natural in colour. Dresses are allowed but again must follow the length of the guidelines for skirts. Knitted jumpers, blazers or cardigans are acceptable to wear. No leather skirts, dresses or trousers are allowed. Clothing should not expose parts of the body such as the stomach or chest and should not be transparent. During periods of warm weather, clothing must remain appropriate.
2. Smart dress male: A hard collared shirt which is tucked in must be worn during school hours. No restrictions have been placed on colour but we want students to 'think smart' so no polo tops, t-shirts or Hawaiian shirts. There is strictly no denim allowed and boys should wear tailored trousers. No shorts or leather trousers are allowed. A tie or bow tie are optional to wear and knitted jumpers or blazers can be worn if required. Shorts may be worn in extremely hot weather during the summer term (Term 6) but they must be in line with the smart policy of the dress code ie tailored shorts, strictly no board, sports or denim shorts that are no shorter than 10cm above the knee. In addition, the remaining dress code must be followed with shorts such as shoes and shirts.
3. Hair should be neat, tidy and well groomed. Styles and colours of hair that are likely to be considered extreme in terms of fashion or unconventionality are not acceptable. Natural hair dye only and no colours such as green, blue or pink is allowed (this is not an exhaustive list)
4. Any jewellery worn should not be excessive or unconventional or potentially dangerous e.g. stretchers. Injury arising from wearing inappropriate jewellery will mean the school cannot be held accountable.
5. Earrings are acceptable. Jewellery in any other piercing must not be worn, other than one small nose stud or transparent bars in other piercings may be acceptable (at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form and reviewed July 2021). Tattoos must not be visible.



6. Clothing or badges should be non-offensive and contain no provocative, sexist, or racist remarks. Clothing should not display logos or slogans. No hats are to be worn.
7. Shoes must consider health and safety aspects of stairs and subject areas such as DT and Science. All shoes must be formal and closed toe. No converse, flip flops or trainers will be permitted in Guilborough Sixth Form. Boots can be worn but only ankle boots.
8. Student must wear their lanyards at all times whilst on school site at all times.
9. Any student who disregards these standards of dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. In cases, where a student's appearance is, in the view of the Senior Leadership Team unacceptable, the following consequences will be applied.
10. If guidelines surrounding the dress code are not followed then the school will review the current dress code at Christmas and place tighter constraints surrounding what students can wear.

Consequences for non-compliance (all to be logged on Teams):

Each Term:

First offence – conversation with student and log on the spreadsheet. Student to rectify for following day.

Second offence – speak to student and email home

Third offence – advise student they will need to go home to correct their dress. Let Mrs Ponting know names/details of the issues and she will contact parents to make them aware of this request.

Fourth offence – advise BDE/MIS. Parents and students will be invited in for a meeting to discuss the issue and student placed on report/contract

Appendix 1- Dress Code Posters (created by students)

Acceptable Sixth Form Dress Code

Tops and dresses



- Areas such as the stomach/ chest should not be on show
- No polo tops should be worn
- No large logos and clothing/badges should be non-offensive e.g. no provocative, sexist, racist remarks
- Shirts should have a hard collar

Bottoms



- Bottoms should be no shorter than 10cm above the knee
- No denim or leather allowed

Shoes and accessories



- Lanyards must be worn at all times for safeguarding reasons
- Hair should be neat, tidy and only natural hair dye should be used
- Ear piercings are allowed and one small nose stud
- Any jewellery worn should not be excessive or unconventional or potentially dangerous
- Tattoos must not be visible
- All shoes must be formal and closed toe,
- Shoes should not be canvas and the midsole should not be white on a dark shoe
- If it is Nike, Adidas, Converse or Vans it is a trainer not an appropriate school shoe

As a sixth form we encourage students to express their individuality. In return for this privilege we expect a smart dress sense with the policies outlined followed.

Unacceptable Sixth Form Dress Code

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Not adhering to the dress code will hinder home study allowance.