



GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY

DRESS CODE FOR THE SIXTH FORM

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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 so they should 'think smart' and are therefore required to adhere to the following standards:

1. Students must wear a smart shirt/ blouse during school hours. There are no restrictions on colour however we encourage students to 'think smart'. Therefore no t-shirts are permitted. Polo shirts are allowed. A tie or bow tie is optional. There is strictly no denim or leather allowed and students should wear appropriate tailored trousers, shorts or skirts that are no shorter than 10cm above the knee. Cargo trousers or shorts are not permitted. Shorts may be worn but they must be in line with the smart policy of the dress code, i.e. tailored shorts, strictly no board, sports or denim shorts that are no shorter than 10cm above the knee. Dresses are allowed but again must follow the length of the guidelines for skirts. Knitted jumpers, blazers or cardigans are acceptable to wear, hooded jumpers are not permitted. No leather skirts, dresses and 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 for the workplace, i.e. 'spaghetti' strap tops are not permitted.
2. Hair should be neat, tidy and well groomed.
3. 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. Discretion of Director of Sixth Form
4. Tattoos must not be visible.
5. Clothing or badges should be non-offensive and contain no provocative, sexist, or racist remarks. Clothing should not display large logos or slogans. No hats are to be worn in lessons.
6. 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 backless shoes or flip flops permitted in Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form. Canvas shoes are permitted providing they are in block colours (pure black/white)
7. Student must wear their lanyards at all times whilst on school site at all times.



8. 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.

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 may need to go home to correct their dress. Sixth Form Administer to be informed of names/details of the issues and they will contact parents to make them aware of this request. In the meantime students to continue study periods in S8 only

Fourth offence – advise Director of Sixth Form/Assistant Director of Sixth Form. Parents and students will be invited in for a meeting to discuss the issue and student placed on report/contract

9. 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.

Appendix 1- Dress Code Poster





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GASF Dress Code - "Think Smart"

Our Philosophy

At GASF, we believe in fostering individual expression while maintaining professional standards that prepare students for future academic and career environments. Our dress code reflects contemporary workplace expectations and promotes a respectful learning atmosphere.

Essential Requirements		
Safety & Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student ID/Lanyard: Must be worn visibly at all times for security and safeguarding purposes 	
General Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clothing must be clean, well-maintained, and appropriate for an educational environment Clothing should be modest and respectful of our diverse community Items should be free from offensive language, imagery, or inappropriate content 	
Clothing Guidelines	<div>  Acceptable </div>	<div>  Not Permitted </div>
Lower Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-length trousers (smart casual) Tailored shorts (modest length) Skirts and dresses (modest length) Chinos and formal trousers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leggings as standalone bottoms Extremely short skirts/shorts (above mid-thigh) Ripped or distressed clothing Sportswear or joggers Cargo or utility pants Denim or leather
Upper Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collared shirts and blouses Smart casual tops with sleeves (covering shoulders) Knitwear (jumpers, cardigans) Polo shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crop tops or midriff-revealing clothing Strapless or spaghetti strap tops Hooded sweatshirts Clothing with large logos or slogans Transparent or sheer fabrics
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart casual shoes or boots Canvas shoes in block colours (converse, vans etc. style) Loafers and dress shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flip-flops or sliders Backless footwear Bright or neon-coloured trainers Crocs, Uggs etc. or similar casual footwear
Additional Guidelines		
Professional Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair should be neat and well-groomed Tattoos are not visible Piercings should be modest and safe for the learning environment 	
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blazers/Jackets: Encouraged for a professional appearance Coats: Must be removed during lessons Hoodies: Are not permitted 	
Seasonal Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer: Lightweight fabrics acceptable, but coverage standards remain Winter: Layering encouraged while maintaining professional appearance 	