



Sixth Form Dress and Appearance

Wearing non-uniform clothes is one of the privileges of Sixth Form students at St Dunstan's. However, students must wear business professional attire consistent with this being a working environment dedicated to learning within our collective set of values.

It is not possible to exhaustively characterise all elements of what constitutes a professional dress code and appearance. It is also recognised that a fundamental characteristic of our College is respect for and celebration of individuality and inclusivity, and it is within this spirit that dialogue over what constitutes professional dress and appearance may be held.

As a steer, however, a **professional dress code and appearance** is expected and this allows us to recognise that this is a place of educational work, where teachers and sixth formers are role models to younger students.

As a guide we offer the following advice:

- **Smart, business attire**, with specific guidance including:
- A tailored jacket, blazer, tailored jumper or tailored cardigan should be worn over a shirt. These items must be worn in corridors and when moving around the site. An outdoor coat is not an acceptable substitute for these items. In hot weather, Deputy Head Pastoral will indicate to the College when jackets, blazers, jumpers or cardigans do not need to be worn
- Collared suit shirts should be worn with a tie, and the top button done up
- Blouses should have tailored collars or shoulders, and not have excessively low necklines
- Practical length skirts (as a further clarification, skirts should be closer to the knee than the hip)
- Trousers rather than shorts, worn at the waist
- Shoes should have solid soles, made of leather or similar substitute, and be unlogoed
- Underwear should be covered and not on show

- **Sports kit** – all items of sports kit MUST be purchased through Tacklebag (www.tacklebag.co.uk), who supply all of the College sport and games kit. Sports clothing is not listed here – please visit the Tacklebag website for more information. If you are in receipt of a bursary, and would like support with these items, please inform your Head of Year
- Maintenance of good standards of personal hygiene. Nail extensions or false nails are impractical and should not be worn
- St Dunstan’s College subscribes to the Halo Code and welcomes Afro-textured hair worn in all styles. The same rules regarding hair colour and hair accessories apply as per Middle school uniform code: ie., dye in hair should be in natural colours
- Piercings should be discreet (1 nose stud, 1 eyebrow stud, or 2 ear piercings are acceptable). Hoop earrings are dangerous in crowded environments and thus should be limited to the size of a one pound coin. Tattoos should be covered.
- **Visibility of a lanyard for identity at all times**

Items that are inappropriate:

Hoodies

Jeans/Denim

Vest tops with spaghetti straps

No sandals, trainers or soft-soled shoes

There will be times during the course of work when there are exceptions to some of these expectations. These might arise from:

Activities associated with sport or creative performance

Participation in a visit or trip with specific religious or cultural observance.

The need for manual or active work and dress that befits that task.

Particular care and attention to professional dress and appearance is expected on formal occasions (when academic gowns are often expected from teaching staff, Prefects or musicians) and when in the company of parents.