Sixth Form Dress Code

We expect students to adhere to the smart, professional dress code within Southam College Sixth Form. All students are required to wear a skirt/dress/trousers and shirt & tie/blouse/formal top, as well as smart shoes. For safeguarding, it is compulsory for students to wear a lanyard.

Further details on appropriate items follows:

Trousers

Suit type trouser. Subtle sober patterns allowed such as pinstripe. Tailored fit and linen trousers acceptable provided smart. Belts should be one colour (Dark grey/dark brown or tan/black).

Not allowed: Denim/chinos/leggings/skin tight trousers/Shorts/Jogging/sports bottoms.

Skirts & Dresses

Formal, tailored suit type skirts and dresses, including pencil skirts. Sober colour/patterns e.g. pinstripe. Skirt/dress must be no more than 10cm above the knee.

Not allowed: Items that are excessively short, Denim. Low neckline/Strappy dresses /Play suits/Jump suits.

Shirt/Blouse/Formal Top

A shirt and tie or blouse or smart work style top that covers the shoulders.
Formal lightweight knitted jumper or cardigan over shirt/blouse.
Sober colour/subtle patterns.
Short Sleeves are permitted.
Jackets are optional.

Not allowed: Loose T shirts/polo shirt/sports shirts/military style shirts/lumberjack shirts/strappy tops/cropped tops/halter neck tops/off the shoulder tops/sweatshirts with sport logos or sportswear/logos. Areas such as the stomach or back should not be on show.

Shoes

Formal/smart. Must be of leather or suede material/look.
Smart boots of a sober colour are permitted.
Heels permitted on shoes and boots if of a suitable height.
Smart 'ballet' pumps are allowed.
Smart boots of a sober colour are permitted.

Not allowed: Walking boots/Biker boots/trainers/flip flops or open toe/canvas shoes/canvas pumps/'converse/UGG style'.

Other Aspects

Tights should be one sombre colour without pattern.
No hats, caps or headgear of any kind to be worn in school.
Hair colour to be one natural colour – see your HOY before you dye your hair to discuss.
No Hoodies/sweatshirts are permitted.
All items of dress, including outdoor coats, should be clean, and should not be adorned with slogans or in any other way be likely to cause offence.
No visible body piercing other than to the ears, or one single small nose stud. No visible tattoos. Any jewellery worn should be reasonably small and not excessive in quantity. Entirely clear plastic retainers are permitted for piercings that are not in ears or single nose stud.
We are respectful of religious attire that students wish to wear.

Within this dress code the school reserves the right to determine if an article of student dress is acceptable to be worn.

Consequences for not adhering to the dress code: Tutor monitoring and verbal warning > A warning issued via CC > breaktime on Class Charts > Letter sent home and Dress Code Report for a week > Last warning letter given > Remain in Sixth Form Area > Parent/Carer Meeting and required to go home to address dress code.

Clear and obvious disregard for the dress code will result in immediate isolation in the Sixth Form Area.

See Appendix A & B for further guidance.

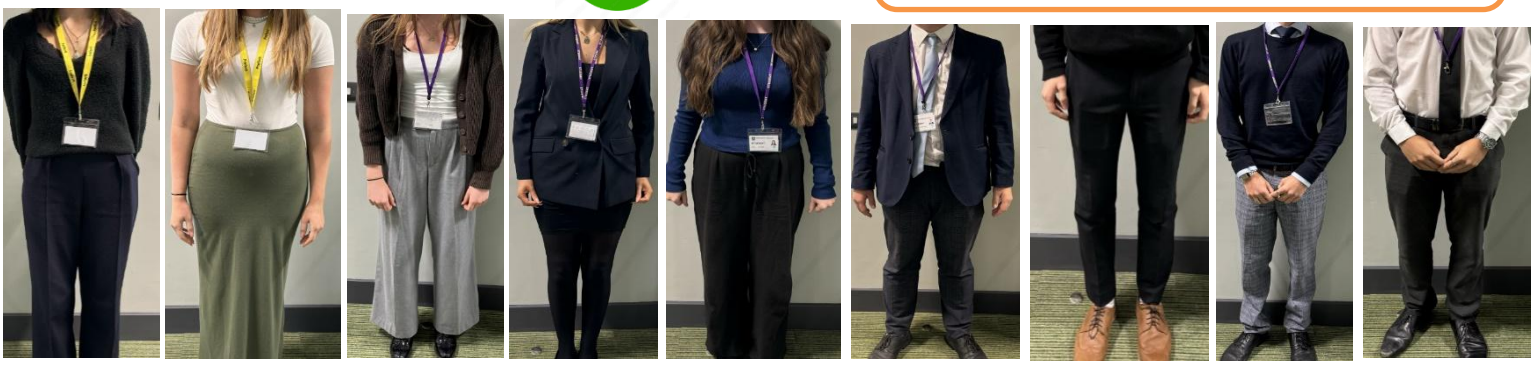
Appendix A: Sixth Form Student Dress Code



Sixth Form students at Southam College are role models to the rest of the school. In addition to their behaviour, attitude and ethos, students are expected to set an example through their high standard of professional, smart, business-like dress and the way in which they present themselves. Please pay close attention to the full dress code expectations document and the guidance exemplar 'Acceptable' and 'Not acceptable' images of the dress code below to ensure students are dressing appropriately for the school environment.

Head students: Our Sixth Form dress code has been created and adapted overtime to ensure student voice. Student consultation has always taken place before any changes to ensure we are considered. Please always respect and adhere to our code of dress.

Examples: Acceptable



Religious headwear

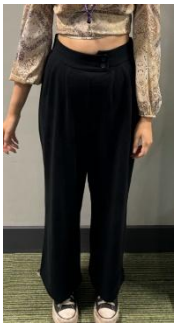




Examples: Not Acceptable



Remove coats when in the main block.





Long term broken lanyard with missing ID card.









Note: *If personal adaptations are needed for the short term e.g. injury, a parent letter must be given to the HOY and a temporary pass will be provided. For the longer term e.g. for medical reasons, the student must carry a yellow card in their lanyard to show this is approved by the HOY/HOSF.*

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Appendix B: Adaptations.

Significantly high temperature.

- This adaptation will be considered when the **temperature is consistently forecast to be above 25 degrees** for part of the school day.
- The decision to move to this will be taken by the **Headteacher.**
- The decision will be communicated to parents and carers **no later than 24 hours** before the proposed date.
- If no communication is sent out from school, students attend in their **full school dress code as normal.**

Adaptation:

- Students will follow a 'short sleeve order' dress code on these days.
- They will **not be required to wear a jacket, jumper or tie on these days** but should adhere to the rest of the sixth form dress code.
- Shorts are not permitted as part of the sixth form uniform.
- **All other dress code requirements remain unchanged. Please see Southam College 'Sixth Form Dress Code' document and appendix A for full details.**