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BACCALAUREATE DRESS CODE

Academic Year 2026/27

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish the standards of dress and personal appearance required for students at the school.

These regulations aim to foster an environment conducive to learning, promote values of respect, responsibility, and harmonious coexistence, and reinforce the institution's identity. Furthermore, they ensure that student appearance aligns with the educational and academic ethos of the school.

The provisions set out in this document apply to all students and will be interpreted in accordance with the principles of objectivity, proportionality, and mutual respect.

General Principles

- Students must attend school appropriately dressed for an educational environment, in line with the institution's values and conduct guidelines.
- Clothing must allow for full participation in all academic, educational, and complementary activities scheduled by the school.
- The standards outlined in this document will be applied objectively, respectfully, and without discrimination.
- Parents or legal guardians bear the ultimate responsibility for ensuring compliance with these rules.

Dress Code

Permitted Items:

- Plain t-shirts without logos or graphic images
- Shirts and polo shirts
- Plain sweatshirts or hoodies
- Jeans with no tears, rips, or visible distressing
- Smart trousers / dress trousers
- Jackets and coats in muted, discreet colours
- Skirts and dresses no shorter than four finger-widths above the knee

Prohibited Items:

- Crop tops or items revealing the midriff
- Strapless tops or vest tops / tank tops
- Low-cut tops or plunge necklines
- Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms / sweatpants
- Trousers with cuffed or elasticated ankles (joggers)
- Items featuring sports team branding
- Items displaying political parties or slogans
- Items featuring band or musical group logos
- Any other garment deemed by the school to be incompatible with its academic character

Footwear Code

Permitted Footwear:

- Formal lace-up shoes
- Loafers
- Boat shoes / deck shoes
- Smart ankle boots
- Trainers meeting the school's criteria

(Examples of approved trainers are provided for guidance in **Appendix I.**)

Prohibited Footwear:

- Military / combat boots
- High heels
- Flip-flops / sliders
- Clogs / Nordic-style clogs
- Any other footwear that does not meet the criteria set out by the school

(Examples of non-approved trainers are provided for guidance in **Appendix II**.)

Personal Appearance Code

Students are required to maintain good standards of personal hygiene and grooming at all times

The following rules must also be observed:

- Maintain an appearance suitable for a school environment.
- Extreme skin fades, severe gradients, or fully shaved heads are not permitted.
- Extravagant hairstyles or haircuts are not permitted (guidance examples in Appendix III).
- Hair highlights, dyes, or unnatural colouring are not permitted.
- Partially or fully shaved eyebrows are strictly prohibited.
- Makeup is not allowed.
- Nail varnish / polish is not permitted.

Procedure for Non-Compliance

- When a breach of these rules is identified, the form tutor or any member of the teaching staff will inform the student and their family.
- If the breach can be corrected immediately, the student must adjust their attire or appearance on the spot.
- If the issue cannot be resolved immediately, parents or legal guardians will be contacted to collect the student and take appropriate measures to ensure compliance.
- Repeated failure to comply with these rules may lead to disciplinary action as outlined in the School Behaviour Policy.

Entry into Force

This Dress Code and Personal Appearance Policy comes into effect on 7 September 2026.

To allow families and students time to adapt to the new policy, disciplinary measures arising from non-compliance will take effect from 14 September 2026

Appendix I

Guidance Examples of Approved Trainers



Appendix II

Guidance Examples of Non-Approved Trainers



Appendix III

Guidance Examples of Non-Approved Hairstyles



Thank you very much for your ongoing support and cooperation

Yours sincerely,

Engage International School