

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE POLICY

Our sixth form dress code reflects our high expectations of all students at Highdown Sixth Form Centre. We require students to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a focused academic environment.

All sixth form students:

- are role models for the younger students in the school and have a responsibility to model appropriate dress and appearance.
- are representatives of the wider school community. Their dress and appearance must, therefore, project a positive and professional image at all times.

Our dress code takes into account the broad range of activities that sixth form students engage in during the working day.

General Principles

- Clothing must be suitable for a working environment
- Clothing should be clean and in a good state of repair.
- Unless otherwise stipulated for health and safety reasons (e.g. for sport or in science labs), jewellery may be worn.
- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are allowed, but nails must be kept to a reasonable length for health and safety reasons.
- Hats and hoods (with the exception of religious clothing) should not be worn indoors.
- Coats should be taken off in lessons, though teachers may grant exceptions in cold weather
- ID badges and lanyards must be worn around the neck, with the strap clearly visible and not tucked into clothing, at all times on campus

The following attire is acceptable:

- Shirts.
- Smart polo shirts.
- Smart Casual t-shirts.
- Blouses/smart tops. Sleeveless blouses/tops are allowed but no 'strappy' or strapless tops. Crop tops are not allowed.
- Smart dresses. Dresses should be of appropriate length. Sleeveless dresses are allowed but no 'strappy' or strapless dresses.
- Smart skirts. Skirts should be of appropriate length
- Smart, tailored full-length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers, work-wear trousers, or chinos.
- Smart leggings and smart denim jeans. Ripped items are not permitted.
- Smart, tailored shorts in summer.
- Smart shoes/sandals. Smart trainers are permitted. No flip flops.

For health and safety reasons:

- the appropriate protective clothing and footwear must be worn in workshops and Science labs.

The Sixth Form Leadership Team has the final say on whether clothing and appearance is appropriate.

If a sixth form student's clothing or appearance is not deemed appropriate, the Head of Achievement/Assistant Head of Achievement will speak to the student concerned and ensure the situation is rectified.