
Policy: Dress Code

The following **Code** has been drawn up to help parents and pupils to understand the School's expectations regarding dress generally. It is not a clothes list, but a set of guidelines as to what is and what is not acceptable in certain areas of doubt.

The main requirement in all respects is for pupils to be smart and well-groomed, with clean clothes and shoes.

Years 7 to 11

1. The word 'standard' means from the School outfitters, a branch of which is situated in the School with the second-hand clothing shop.
2. Some departments, such as the Sciences and Sports, have special requirements about hair, clothes, and jewellery, which they will make clear to their pupils.
3. Tracksuits and games kit should not be worn in non-PE lessons unless prior permission has been given by the games coach or teacher of the lesson.
4. Requirements given here on hair styles and hair colour should be read with the words 'avoidance of extremes of fashion' understood. If you are in any doubt, consult your Housemaster/mistress.

GENERAL—for both Girls and Boys

Shoes shoes	Black, and of a sensible style, not boots, suede or canvas. The shoes must be kept clean/polished. Maximum heel height 3cm.
Top Coats with	These should be plain Navy Blue or Black, without obvious logos, full front opening. Reflective safety stripes are encouraged.
Jumpers	Standard school V-necked.
Scarves	Plain black or dark blue – students can be expected to remove all scarves (and top coats) for assemblies, lunches and lessons.
Trousers	These should be well tailored in Charcoal Grey (not Black or cotton).
Skirts	Standard school skirt. Skirts should be knee length (or below) and should not be rolled.
Hair	The hair colour should be natural. Students in Years 7-9 must have long hair tied back at all times. Boys are expected to be clean shaven.
Jewellery/make-up	

Policy: Dress Code

Rings - no more than one plain ring
Earrings - one plain, close fitting sleeper or stud in each ear lobe
No other jewellery is permitted.

Year 7 to 8 Make-up and nail varnish are **not** permitted below Year 9.

Year 9 to 11: Makeup may be worn but it must remain discreet. Nail varnish must only be neutral shades.

Naming All articles of clothing and other personal possessions should be clearly named at the neck or waist where possible. The school can supply and fix name tapes to all clothing for 15p per tape. Parents requiring this service are asked to notify the school as soon as possible before term starts.

NB: Blazers should be worn except when summer dress is permitted.
T-shirts should not show above the collar and no logo should be visible.

GIRLS: Years 7 to 11

Blouses A blouse is worn without a tie.

Years 7 to 11: Standard white open neck blouse – short or long sleeves – worn inside the skirt.

Year 9 – 11 option: Standard white blouse– ¾ sleeves. Open neck, shaped to wear over the skirt.

Skirts Standard school skirt. Should be knee length (or below) and should not be rolled.

Trousers These should be tailored in Charcoal Grey (not Black or cotton), and should cover the ankle.

Socks/Tights ¾ length navy socks or black tights (thick, minimum 40 denier)
Summer variation - ¾ length or short white socks.

Policy: Dress Code

BOYS: Year 7 to 11**Shirts**

Years 7 to 10: Standard grey. Summer variation—short sleeved standard grey shirt.

Year 11: Formal white shirt (no button-down collars)

Shirts should be buttoned at the collar and worn with a tie except for summer dress.

Trousers

These should be well tailored in Charcoal Grey (not Black or cotton), and should cover the ankle.

Socks

Charcoal Grey or Black.

Dress Code - Sixth Form

Although more latitude is allowed to members of the Sixth Form, the central requirement of the Sixth Form dress code is that you look **smart, well-groomed and business-like**; wear clean clothes and appropriate shoes. What you wear is important; it projects an image of the school and far more importantly, of you. Dress to avoid extremes and be proud of your appearance.

Notes:

1. Some departments, such as the Sciences and Sports, have special requirements about hair, clothes, footwear and jewellery.
2. Tracksuits and games kit should not be worn in non-P.E. lessons or to assemblies or lunch unless prior permission has been given.
3. Requirements given here should be read with the words 'avoidance of extremes of fashion' being understood.

1. GENERAL (i.e. for both girls and boys)**TOP COATS**

- These should be a conservative plain colour and open fully down the front. Blazers must be worn under top coats at all times.

SCARVES

- Sixth Form students can be expected to remove all scarves (and top coats) for assemblies, lunches and lessons.

Policy: Dress Code

JUMPERS / CARDIGANS

- These should be plain, single coloured V-necked jumpers or cardigans that fit neatly and sit well under a jacket, i.e. cuffs and waistbands should not be visible when wearing a jacket.
- Jumpers with collars, zips or shapeless fleece style will not be acceptable.
- Jumpers, and cardigans may be worn over a blouse, not as an alternative.
- Chunky cable-knit or cricket-style jumpers are not permitted.
- Cardigans must never be worn as an alternative to a jacket.

JACKETS

- Sixth Form students are expected to wear jackets during the academic day at school occasions such as assemblies, lunch, arrival at and departure from school, and to and from lessons.

SOCKS

- Dark plain colour(s).

N.B. T-shirts should not show above the collar and no logo should be visible.

2. Girls (Sixth Form)**SHOES**

- Black, dark brown or navy leather or suede, and of sensible / formal style. Heels should be of a sensible height. Shoes should be kept cleaned/polished.

BLOUSES

- Plain single, pale colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired; the blouse should have a collar, and thin straps are not permitted.
- When not wearing a jumper, blouses made of thin transparent material which allow underwear / undershirts to be visible are not permitted.

N.B. The blouse should not protrude below the jumper or cardigan.

SUITS

- Black, grey, dark blue or dark brown and may include a subtle pinstripe or check.
 - **SKIRTS:** Skirts and dresses should be business like, and form part of a suit. Skirts or dresses that are obviously more than 2 inches above the knee are too short.
 - skater-style skirts/dresses, and skin tight stretchy fabric are not formal / business-like and are not permitted.
 - **TROUSERS**
 - should be **formal and tailored** and form **part of a suit**.
 - Skin tight fashion trousers, legging and jean type trousers are not permitted.
 - **DRESSES**
 - Students can wear a formal work style dress, as part of a suit, in the same colours as above.
 - Jumpers should not be worn with dresses, although cardigans are acceptable.

TIGHTS

- Black, navy, dark grey or natural
- No fashion tights

HAIR



Policy: Dress Code

- The requirement here is ‘the avoidance of extremes’.
- It may be worn long, but must be fastened back off the face and shoulders for practical activities or lessons where required.
- Hair colour should be natural

JEWELLERY/MAKE-UP

- Makeup and jewellery should be discreet
- West Buckland considers nose studs and eyebrow piercings extremes of fashion; they are not permitted.

3. Boys (Sixth Form)

SHOES

- Black or dark brown leather or suede smart shoes; not boots, deck shoes, pumps with thick rubber soles are not permitted. They should be kept clean/polished.

SHIRTS

- Plain single, pale (pastel) colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired.

SUITS

- Black, grey, dark brown or dark blue. Any pinstripe or check must be subtle.

WAISTCOATS

- A single un-extravagant colour, or matching the suit.

TIES

- School or approved representative. To be worn when wearing a jacket.

HAIR

- Hair must be well-groomed, and extremes must be avoided. You are expected to be clean shaven on school days.

Author/Updated by: Pastoral Deputy

Date: Spring 2014

Reviewed: Summer 2018

Next Review Date: Summer 2019