



Sixth Form Dress Code

Introduction

Christopher Whitehead Sixth Form is a professional environment and sixth form students are seen as role models for the whole school. As senior students in a school environment, all students are expected to dress smartly. The dress code which follows aims to ensure that sixth form students dress in a manner that is appropriate for a professional workplace, extremes of fashion will not be permitted.

The rationale of the dress code is:

- To provide a dress code that is reasonable and fair to both genders and acceptable to our students, and acceptable in a school environment.
- Enable us to maintain positive relationships between staff and students and minimise conflict between parties, allowing staff to focus on the academic performance of the students.
- Provide a dress code which is inclusive and does not place unreasonable/ excessive costs on parents.
- To allow a degree of freedom and independence within a reasonable, mutually agreed framework.

The following guidelines are applicable to all students:

Category	Smart / Casual
Trousers / Skirts	<p>Smart, suitable for a professional work environment. If worn, chinos and jeans must be smart and must not be ripped. Jeans must be black or dark blue and not 'spray on'.</p> <p>The following are not permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Spray on' jeans• Army trousers• Tracksuit trousers• Jogging bottoms• Leggings or jeggings worn as trousers• Shorts <p>Skirts must be of a reasonable length.</p> <p>Leggings / jeggings are only allowed if worn beneath a longer top, dress or skirt.</p> <p>No underwear should be visible.</p>
Tops / Shirts	<p>Shirts should be smart and suitable for a professional work environment, shirts should be tailored, with or without a collar.</p> <p>Polo shirts are allowed and smart T-shirts may be worn.</p> <p>Smart blouses are allowed but vest tops and strappy tops are not permitted. Tops with a low neck line are not permitted.</p> <p>No large, obvious or offensive artwork, logos or slogans are allowed.</p>
Suits / Jumpers Cardigans / Jackets	<p>No large, obvious or offensive artwork, logos or slogans are allowed.</p>

Ties	Students are welcome to wear ties, however there is no expectation to do so for normal school days. More formal attire may be required for certain circumstances.
Hoodies	Hoodies are not permitted.
Shoes	Shoes should be smart, and suitable for a professional work environment. Shoes must be safe and suitable for the school environment, therefore heels and fastenings must not be detrimental to student safety. The following are not permitted: Flip-flops Crocs Steel toe-cap boots Trainers/ canvas shoes must be smart , and colours should not be excessively bright. White sports trainers are not deemed smart.
Outdoor Coats	Outdoor coats should be removed when entering a learning environment.
Hats and Headwear	Outdoor hats should be removed when entering a building. Caps are not permitted. It is our expectation that a student's whole face should be visible in school.
Sunglasses	Sunglasses should be removed when entering a building.

Hair, jewellery, makeup, tattoos, piercings and headphones (all students):

We recognise that students will wish to express themselves in their appearance, however as senior students in the school, sixth form students are seen as role models, and we have therefore set the following, reasonable expectations for a professional, educational environment:

- **Hairstyles:** Hairstyles must be suitable for a professional work environment. The teaching staff expect to be able to make eye-contact with students, therefore hairstyles should enable this. The following are not permitted:
 - **Extreme hair styles** (as determined by the Leadership Team), this includes extreme, unnatural coloured hair dye.
- **Jewellery:** Most items of jewellery are allowed, but items must be suitable for a professional work environment, and must not compromise student safety.
- **Makeup:** Makeup must be suitable for a professional work environment and should not be extreme.
- **Piercings** (please note that in the interests of health and safety, piercings may have to be removed for certain physical activities):
 - **Nose piercings:** a maximum of two discreet studs or one bar (no nose rings).
 - **Lip piercings:** for health and safety reasons, lip piercings are not permitted.
 - **Eye brow piercings:** a maximum of one discrete piercing.
 - **Ear piercings:** a maximum of three piercings in each ear.
 - **Spacers / stretchers:** are not permitted.

- **Any other bodily piercings: Students who have other body piercings must ensure that they are not visible. Body piercings may have to be removed for certain physical activities.**

- **Tattoos:** Tattoos must not be visible whilst wearing clothes deemed suitable in the dress code.
- **Headphones and other associated electronic audio-visual gadgets:** These may be used in the Sixth Form Centre, however as role models in the school we ask that sixth form students remove their headphones and politely put their phones away whilst walking around the rest of the school. Subject staff may allow the use of headphones for certain learning activities.

Notes:

*Clothing with logos, slogans or badges is unacceptable, however this does not extend to manufacturer's names/ logos that are discreetly displayed.

Due to constant changes in fashion, it remains the right of senior members of staff and the Head of Sixth Form to determine whether a particular item of dress is appropriate.

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Agreement:

I have read and understood all of the points in the Christopher Whitehead Language College sixth form dress code and agree to abide by them.

Name (printed in block capitals): _____

Signature (student): _____

Parental signature: _____

Date: _____