

Holcombe Grammar School

Sixth Form Dress Code

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Introduction

At Holcombe Grammar School Sixth Form, we recognise the importance of self-expression and individuality, which is why our students are not required to wear a uniform. This privilege is a testament to our trust in our students' ability to dress in a manner that reflects both personal style and the values of our school community. The development of this dress code policy is the result of collaborative efforts and feedback from our student body, ensuring that it aligns with the collective voice and aspirations of our Sixth Form students. Our dress code aims to create a positive and respectful learning environment where all students can thrive. By adhering to these guidelines, students demonstrate their commitment to the school community and respect for themselves and others. We believe that dressing appropriately for the school setting prepares our students for future professional environments, while still allowing for individual expression.

These requirements below are **not exhaustive in defining acceptable and unacceptable standards of dress and appearance**, and we also reserve the right to adapt the policy with notice. Therefore, students should consult with their Head of Year in advance of wearing any item of which they are unsure of.

- LANYARDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES ON SCHOOL SITE -

Jumpers, Shirts and Blazers

- All students no longer have to wear a blazer or a tie (on more formal occasions it is necessary that these are worn)
- Polo Shirts can be worn as a replacement of a shirt
- Round neck T-shirts can be worn (they must not be oversized and/or have large logos)
- Sweatshirts can be worn
- Smart turtle/roll neck jumpers may be worn
- Smart three-quarter zip tops can be worn
- Knitted round and V-neck jumpers can be worn
- Smart collar height thick strapped vest tops can be worn
- Cardigans can be worn
- No leather or denim
- No hoodies to be worn at any time
- No hooded jackets/tops
- No large logos or images are to be on any item of clothing
- No low-cut tops (front or back), and crop tops
- No loungewear

Trousers/Skirts

- Chinos are permitted
- Smart tailored trousers are permitted
- Skirt length must be at least mid-thigh length (this must remain mid-thigh length when walking)
- Dresses are to cover shoulders (and must be mid-thigh length remaining so when walking and not flared)
- Leggings are only to be worn accompanied with a skirt of a similar colour
- No jeans are to be worn
- No cargos are to be worn
- No shorts of any kind
- No splits in mid-thigh/short skirts
- No sportswear (such as, but not limited to tracksuits)
- No low-riding trousers

Shoes

- All trainers are allowed
- Work boots and smart shoes are allowed
- Smart ankle boots are permitted – Grey, black or brown are accepted
- No high heels or platforms
- No UGG boots, sliders, flip flops or crocs
- No footwear with open toes

Accessories and Hair

- Hair accessories should be discrete and not sharp and of sombre colour
- Religious head coverings to be sombre, dull or monochrome in colour
- Plain headbands of a sombre colour – no patterns or bright colours and no wider than 6cm
- Silk edge scarfs are allowed
- No hats of any kind
- No silk bonnets or full head covering scarf
- No visible waist beads

NOTE: Uniform infringements will follow the schools sanction policy and may result in detentions, time in isolation or being asked to go home to rectify the issue. Please take the time to speak to your Head of Year regarding uniform. Should you have any concerns or believe there are any mitigating circumstances where the Sixth Form need to provide reasonable adjustments to uniform, please inform us as soon as possible.