

Objective and Rationale:

This policy is designed to guide students on the required standards of dress and appearance in the Sixth form. It is crucial to note that student appearance in the Sixth form contributes to Wellington's culture and reputation both in the community and across the School. Sixth form students are considered as role models for all younger students at the School and therefore are expected to present themselves in a smart and professional manner that results in a favourable impression.

Professional Attire

Students are expected to dress formally and reflective of attire suitable for a business/professional working environment. Students are expected to demonstrate good judgement and professional taste in relation to their attire and this policy is not exhaustive in defining acceptable and unacceptable standards of dress, however some guidance is as follows:

- A professional tailored skirt (dark or grey and a suitable length)
- A tailored business dress (dark or grey)
- A smart, formal trouser suit (dark or grey)
- A formal suit jacket (dark or grey)
- Dark smart shoes
- Smart, professional tops/blouses
- Discreet jewellery
- Shirt and formal tie.
- Top buttons must be fastened and shirts tucked into trousers.
- Smart formal jumpers (not sweatshirt material)

It is important to note that the School remains the arbiter of what is acceptable and what is not. Please note that suit jackets must be worn at all times on School site (with the exception of extreme temperatures when students will be given permission to remove jackets).

Students may wear coats and scarves upon entrance to buildings but these should be removed upon entrance to a classroom. Hoods on coats should not be worn up in buildings.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles must comply with the whole School policy due to the nature of being an ambassador/ role model for other students in the School. Please refer to the School website for our whole School behaviour and appearance code.

Non-Permissible Attire

Students are expected to dress themselves in a smart, professional manner and therefore the following items that are not permitted are as follows:

- Trainers/ leisure footwear, flip flops or boots
- No excessive high heels
- Denim
- Shorts
- Visible tattoos/ facial piercings
- Tracksuits/sweatshirts/hoodies.
- Casual/ non-professional tops (t-shirts, vest tops, cropped tops, halter neck tops, strapless tops)

A student who is unsure of whether an item of clothing/attire is suitable should check in the first instance with his or her form tutor or with a member of the Sixth form staffing team.

Any student wearing unacceptable attire will be referred to the Sixth form leadership team (Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth form or Assistant Head of Sixth form) where a warning will be issued. If a repeat breach of the appearance code occurs then students may be sent home to change their attire.

All students are expected to observe the dress code which has been designed to be an appropriate preparation for the world of work. Persistent disregard of the dress code requirements will be considered as a disciplinary issue