

Cockermouth School Sixth Form Dress Code

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

Dress Code Ethos

We expect Sixth Form students to take care over their dress and appearance and to be well-presented at all times. As the senior students in the school and role models for our younger year groups, it is important that all clothes and shoes are worn appropriately. A smart dress code fits well with our aims and ethos.

We believe that as our Sixth Formers are part of a community of students from Year 7 to Year 13, the dress code for Sixth Form should continue to be relatively formal. Nevertheless, we also offer some opportunity for self-expression in choosing the colour, style and fabric.

We adopt the approach that students are dressing for a formal work-setting while at school, just as they may have to do for an employer in the future.

We may ask students to return home to change if we feel that their appearance and choice of dress departs from the code and this guidance, and does not match the spirit and ethos of the school's approach to dress. In cases of doubt, students should speak to their Tutor or Head of Year for guidance, however, ultimately, the Director of Sixth Form, in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, will judge what dress and appearance is, or is not, acceptable.

Tops

- **Formal shirt / blouse / top:** Short-sleeved styles are acceptable but strapless tops are not permitted and there must be no cut-outs. Logos, flannel 'lumberjack' style or heavy chequered style shirts are not permitted. (T-shirts/polo shirts are not formal tops). **Neckline must be in line with, or done up to, the top of armpits or higher.**
- **Jacket, V-neck jumper, cardigan:** no hoodies.

Trousers / Skirt / Dress

- **Tailored-style trouser:** full length, no denim or jean-style, no leggings.
- **Skirt:** Just above the knee, or longer – skirt should touch calf at the back with leg bent at 90° angle. No maxi skirts, bodycon, lycra style.
- **Dress:** should comply with all the top and skirt rules. No tube style.

Shoes

- Smart shoes in plain or imitation leather, or plain boots.
- Formal style, low-heeled shoes.
- No trainers, converse or similar, or DM boots.

Coat

- May not be worn as a substitute for a suit-style jacket. Coats, hats and scarves must be removed while in school.

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Head of School
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