



DRESS CODE FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

On occasions, students in the Secondary School are allowed to wear clothes other than the school uniform. These may include 'non-uniform' days to raise money and awareness for charities, or as a form reward, or when on school trips.

Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that any student dress on these occasions recognises that the school is still a working environment, and further that student dress does not cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the school community.

In doing so, the following guidelines should be adhered to:

- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be of at least mid-thigh length.

The following items are prohibited:

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses.
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops.
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, T-shirts exposing bare midriffs or cut-off shorts/hot pants.
- Leggings.
- Clothing which reveals underwear.
- Flip-flops or backless footwear, due to health and safety issues.
- High-heeled shoes.
- Clothing with offensive slogans or wording.
- Additional piercings e.g. in the nose or eyebrow.

It is recognised that this dress code will not cover all issues that may arise. Students may seek to wear, for example, items which have not been covered by the above guidelines, but which are against the tenor of the dress code. In such a case, or given any issue of dispute, the final arbiter is a senior member of staff; such as a Deputy Head or Head of Secondary.

All students are expected to arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with this dress code. Should they not do so, the following steps will be followed in order of priority:

1. The student will be asked to change into their PE kit.
2. The student will be provided with school uniform to change into.
3. The student will be sent home to change into appropriate clothing.

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