

Post-16 Dress Code

Our expectation is that St. Paul's Sixth Form students will take pride in their appearance and in their membership of our learning community. Students attending St. Paul's Post-16 will be expected to be smart in their appearance and follow a Smart Dress Code.

St. Paul's Post-16 Smart Dress Code has been developed within the following context:

- The need for Post-16 students to be role models and lead by example
- The formal Dress Code for students in Years 7-11
- The need to develop the life skills of being able to express oneself within the bounds of an organisation's dress code.

Acceptable:

1. Smart clothes (no jeans, tracksuit bottoms or leggings)
2. Smart, formal shoes in leather or leather alternative (no trainers/Vans/Converse)
3. Ambassador Hoodies when students are representing the school or specific Departments

Unacceptable:

1. Sportswear/Athleisure wear. This includes footwear, hoodies, excessively baggy clothing or leggings. **PE and BTEC Sport students may wear St. Paul's sports kit or change into kit before practical lessons**
2. See-through clothing, strappy or tops without straps
3. No excessively short skirts: no more than 10 cm above the knee is recommended
4. Clothing that causes offence through either language, slogans or imagery
5. No Jeans or Tracksuit bottoms.
6. Hats and coats should not be worn inside school buildings.
7. In addition to appropriate clothing, all students are expected to maintain a smart appearance with no extreme piercings, tattoos or hairstyles. Hair dye, if used, should be of a natural tone.

You are welcome to check with the 6th Form Management team before purchasing if you are unsure of the suitability of items or clothing/footwear

With consideration to the context set out above, there is no reason for dress to become an item of discussion. Adhering to the Post-16 Dress Code is a condition of entry to lessons and the site during the working day. Ultimately, appropriate dress is at the discretion of the Post 16 Management Team.

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