

The Bishop's Stortford High School Sixth Form Dress Code

We expect our students to dress in a professional, formal and corporate manner, i.e. what you would wear in a formal office environment. **The standard of dress should be exemplary at all times and in cases of uncertainty the School's Interpretation is definitive.** Failure to adhere to our dress code will result in a sanction and any serious breaches of the Sixth Form Code may result in a student being sent home. All students must wear the following:

Dress Code

Formal suit: jacket with trousers or formal skirt (knee-length), all of which should look like they come from a suit though not necessarily the same suit. Colours should be suitably sober.

Plain (or subtly patterned*) shirt or blouse: should have a collar and sleeves, and be of an opaque material. Gentlemen's top buttons must be fastened, and their shirts tucked in.

Black or dark brown formal, low-heeled, polishable shoes: dark socks should be worn with trousers, tights with a skirt.

Sixth Form/Senior Prefect/School Colours tie for gentlemen, brooch for ladies.

Winter: Male & Female

- In winter, a plain black, grey or similar V-neck knitted jumper may be worn, in which case the jacket must also be worn.

Summer: Male & Female

- Short sleeves on shirts and blouses are permitted.
- Ladies need not wear tights with a skirt.
- Jackets may be removed on days when the Headmaster has permitted Summer Uniform.

Dress Code for PE and Sport:

- A-Level, BTEC, Sports Leaders and Sixth Formers representing the school must wear specific TBSHS branded kit.
- During Sixth Form Enrichment and Games, students are expected to wear suitable and tasteful sporting attire.

Hair & Make-up

- Hair must be neat and respectable with no extremes of style.
- Hair may be dyed in one natural colour per term
- Gentleman's hair should not be worn below the collar. If longer it must be neatly tied up.
- Gentlemen must be clean shaven with the exception of adherence to religious practice
- All long hair must be tied up for sport
- 'Natural look' day make-up and well-maintained nail varnish of a single colour or French polish is permitted for ladies.

Jewellery & Tattoos

- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to have a tattoo, even with parental consent.
- No earrings/studs for gentlemen.
- Ladies may wear a minimum of jewellery. No piercings are allowed, apart from in the ears (sleepers and studs only). Clear plastic 'plugs' may be used to keep other piercings open.

[*in general, if you are not sure whether something fits the dress code, assume it doesn't.]
