



1st April 2021

Dear Sixth Form Parents and Carers,

Sixth Form Summer Business Dress

With the warmer weather this week and as the summer months approach, we have had a number of questions from students and parents about summer business dress. We appreciate the challenges of professional summer dress, and so thought it would be helpful to clarify what is appropriate with everyone, to pre-empt any issues and support students who might be considering buying clothes over the Easter break.

For all students:

- Formal suit jackets/blazers must be worn at all times (we do relax this when it gets very warm, but students should have their blazers with them every day)
- Jeans, skinny jeans or jeggings are not permitted
- Shorts, flip flops, beach sandals, Doc Martin boots and trainer-like footwear should not be worn
- Tops/jumpers should not have large logos or writing on them
- A reminder that a nose stud is permitted, but they must be a small, simple stud

For young men:

- Short sleeved shirts may be worn instead of long sleeved shirts

For young women:

- Summer dresses and skirts may be worn, but they must be of a length and fit suitable for the school environment i.e. not too short or tight. Denim and leather fabric are not permitted
- Sleeveless tops and dresses are permitted, but these should have thick straps to cover shoulders, must not be see-through or show midriff - strappy vest tops are not permitted

A reminder of the Sixth Form dress code, on the Sixth Form contract, signed by students in September: *As a member of the Waddesdon Sixth Form, you will be expected to maintain a high standard of personal presentation by observing the Sixth Form Dress Code. For young men, this means wearing a suit with a shirt and tie. For young women, this means wearing a trouser suit, suit skirt and jacket, with a shirt or plain top or a suit dress and jacket. Skirts and dresses must be an appropriate length and style for school as deemed by the Head of Sixth Form. Young men may grow facial hair as long as it is kept neatly trimmed. Students who have a nose piercing may wear a small, plain silver or gold stud. Hair must be a natural colour.*

If students aren't sure if an item of clothing is suitable for school, we are very happy to have a look at the item or see a picture of it online, before it is purchased. We will reinforce all of the above with students in our first assemblies back after Easter.

We are very grateful to the vast majority of students who adhere so well to the Sixth Form dress code and make such an effort to look so professional. We have been directly approached by a number of local businesses to ask if our students would be interested in an apprenticeship or job after Sixth Form, due to the professional reputation our Sixth Form has in the community, supported by our dress code. We very much appreciate parents' support with the Sixth Form Dress code. If there are any questions about it, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

I hope you and your family have a restful Easter break. Thank you again for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

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