

Dress Code – Sixth Form at West Buckland School

The following **Code** has been drawn up to help parents and pupils to understand the School's expectations regarding dress generally. It is not a clothes list, but a set of guidelines as to what is and what is not acceptable in certain areas of doubt.

Although more latitude is allowed to members of the Sixth Form, the central requirement of the Sixth Form dress code is that you look **smart, well-groomed and business-like**; wear clean clothes and appropriate shoes. What you wear is important; it projects an image of the school and far more importantly, of you. Dress to avoid extremes and be proud of your appearance.

Notes:

1. Some departments, such as the Sciences and Sports, have special requirements about hair, clothes, footwear and jewellery.
2. Tracksuits and games kit should not be worn in non-P.E. lessons or to assemblies or lunch unless prior permission has been given.
3. Requirements given here should be read with the words 'avoidance of extremes of fashion' being understood.

1. GENERAL (i.e. for both girls and boys)

TOP COATS

- These should be a conservative plain colour and open fully down the front. Blazers must be worn under top coats at all times.

SCARVES

- Sixth Form students can be expected to remove all scarves (and top coats) for assemblies, lunches and lessons.

JUMPERS / CARDIGANS

- These should be plain, single coloured V-necked jumpers or cardigans that fit neatly and sit well under a jacket, i.e. cuffs and waistbands should not be visible when wearing a jacket.
- Jumpers with collars, zips or shapeless fleece style will not be acceptable.
- Jumpers, and cardigans may be worn over a blouse, not as an alternative.
- Chunky cable-knit or cricket-style jumpers are not permitted.
- Cardigans must never be worn as an alternative to a jacket.

JACKETS

- Sixth Form students are expected to wear jackets during the academic day at school occasions such as assemblies, lunch, arrival at and departure from school, and to and from lessons.

SOCKS

- Dark plain colour(s).

N.B. T-shirts should not show above the collar and no logo should be visible.

2. Girls (Sixth Form)

SHOES

- Black, dark brown or navy leather or suede, and of sensible / formal style. Heels should be of a sensible height. Shoes should be kept cleaned/polished.

BLOUSES

- Plain single, pale colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired; the blouse should have a collar, and thin straps are not permitted.
 - When not wearing a jumper, blouses made of thin transparent material which allow underwear / undershirts to be visible are not permitted.
- N.B.** The blouse should not protrude below the jumper or cardigan.

SUITS

- Black, grey, dark blue or dark brown and may include a subtle pinstripe or check.
 - **SKIRTS:** Skirts and dresses should be business like, and form part of a suit. Skirts or dresses that are obviously more than 2 inches above the knee are too short.
 - skater-style skirts/dresses, and skin tight stretchy fabric are not formal / business-like and are not permitted.
 - **TROUSERS**
 - should be **formal and tailored** and form **part of a suit**.
 - Skin tight fashion trousers, legging and jean type trousers are not permitted.
 - **DRESSES**
 - Students can wear a formal work style dress, as part of a suit, in the same colours as above.
 - Jumpers should not be worn with dresses, although cardigans are acceptable.

TIGHTS

- Black, navy, dark grey or natural
- No fashion tights

HAIR

- The requirement here is 'the avoidance of extremes'.
- It may be worn long, but must be fastened back off the face and shoulders for practical activities or lessons where required.
- Hair colour should be natural

JEWELLERY/MAKE-UP

- Makeup and jewellery should be discreet
- West Buckland considers nose studs and eyebrow piercings extremes of fashion; they are not permitted.

3. Boys (Sixth Form)

SHOES

- Black or dark brown leather or suede smart shoes; not boots, deck shoes, pumps with thick rubber soles are not permitted. They should be kept clean/polished.

SHIRTS

- Plain single, pale (pastel) colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired.

SUITS

- Black, grey, dark brown or dark blue. Any pinstripe or check must be subtle.

WAISTCOATS

- A single un-extravagant colour, or matching the suit.

TIES

- School or approved representative. To be worn when wearing a jacket.

HAIR

- Hair must be well-groomed, and extremes must be avoided. You are expected to be clean shaven on school days.