

Dress Code

at Dallam School Sixth Form

DRESS SMART. THINK SMART.

The Sixth Form dress code plays an important role in contributing to the **ethos and standards** of both the Sixth Form and the wider school. Our Sixth Form students are **leaders** in the school, a **role model** to the younger students. Our younger students wear a formal uniform and they look very smart indeed; the Sixth Form dress code should also make students appear smart and **ready to learn**.

It is only a short step to university or the world of work and following a dress code will **prepare** students for both. The dress code should allow students to **express themselves as individuals**, but in an **appropriate way**. It is particularly important that the dress code recognises that the school is a **working environment** for students from the age of 11 to 18. Most importantly the way a Sixth Form student dresses should **not cause embarrassment** to staff, students, members of the school community or to members of the wider community.

The student **Sixth Form lanyard is a compulsory item** for all.

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 guidelines, but which are **against the spirit of this dress code**. In such a case, or given any issue of dispute, the final word is had by the Head of Sixth Form. Students that are inappropriately dressed may be asked to go home and change.



Appropriate ✓	Unsuitable ✗
School / office shoes, trainers, canvas shoes, closed toe shoes	Extreme hair styles, including unnatural hair colours e.g. pink / blue / purple are not permitted
Smart trousers, chinos, smart denim	No facial piercings or visible tattoos
Skirts, if worn, can be just above the knee, no higher	See-through clothing, strapless or 'string-strapped' tops
Smart dresses, if worn, can be just above the knee, no higher	Leggings and all other skin tight clothing
Shirt with collar, polo shirt, t-shirt, blouse/smart top	Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs or showing underwear
Jumpers, sweatshirts (with or without hood), knitwear	Hats and caps
Ties may be worn, but are not compulsory	Clothing with offensive logos
Suit style jacket, jumper, cardigan or waistcoat (shoulders must be covered)	Shorts
Leggings, if worn, must also be worn with a skirt, and just above the knee	Sportswear including sweatpants/joggers
Coat/outdoor jacket for outdoor use only	Ripped denim

"An **independent and mature approach to learning** is one of the key aims of the Sixth Form and a responsible dress code is one way of achieving this."