

Dress and Appearance – Sixth Form

In keeping with the general philosophy of the Sixth Form at King's, it is expected that students will react responsibly to being given an element of freedom in the area of their dress and appearance. The general expectation is that they will take a pride in their appearance and will dress smartly, in conformity with the guidelines and specifications outlined below, both at school and when engaged in activities relating to school, conscious of their position as senior members of the school community and role models. In their appearance, as well, indeed, as in their behaviour, Sixth Form students have a major responsibility both for setting an example within the school and for representing the school externally, and they must recognise this.

APPEARANCE

There is a general expectation of good taste and smartness, as if dressing for the office. Leather and denim are not acceptable in any form. Hair should be neat, well-groomed and of natural colour; boys' hair should be neither excessively long nor excessively short; facial hair is not acceptable; extremes of fashion should be avoided. Wearing of jewellery (bracelets, necklaces etc.) is not condoned but one plain ring is acceptable for boys and girls; also, girls may wear ear-studs, if necessary. Any make-up worn must be discreet.

DRESS

The following specifications should be followed :

Shirts

These should be plain or lightly striped (bold stripes are not acceptable). They should be light in colour: white, pale blue, pale pink, pale yellow, pale green and pale grey are allowed. Deep tones or garish colours are not permitted. Shirts should be of cotton or similar material (not wool or denim). Collars should be starched or button down and must be fastened. A tie must be worn; shirts must be tucked into trousers or skirts.

Ties

A School Sixth-Form tie, or School Colours or Prefect's tie, if awarded, must be worn and done up properly. National or County representative ties may be worn on match days. Tour ties should be worn only on Tour.

Pullover

A pullover (or cardigan), if worn, must be smart, plain and dark grey, black or navy in colour, with a 'V' neck, so that the tie is clearly visible [fleeces, hooded or baggy jumpers, or pullovers which cover shirt-collar and tie, are not acceptable].

Socks

Of a subdued colour. Girls may wear tights or stockings, plain and of subdued colour.

Shoes

Of plain design, black and with sensible (i.e. no more than 2") heels. (Thus, multi-coloured shoes, boots, footwear of extreme design, or training or canvas shoes, are not acceptable.)

Outdoor Wear

Overcoats, raincoats, anoraks, cagoules or duffle-coats may be worn. Outdoor attire must be subdued in style and colour, with no badges, insignia or significant decoration. It must not be worn in the classroom or assembly.

Jackets, Trousers, Skirts

All students must wear a suit. This should be of a neat and sober appearance, plain black, dark grey or navy in colour [loud stripes or checks are not acceptable].

Boys may wear plain black, dark grey or navy jackets of conventional style. Jackets must be capable of being buttoned. Trousers must be plain, properly tailored and black, dark grey or navy. [Denims, leather, cords, jeans or other unsuitable styles or materials are not permitted under any circumstances].

Girls' suits should be well-tailored and plain black, dark grey or navy, with matching skirt. Skirts should be neither excessively long (not below calf length) nor excessively short (no more than 3" above the knee), without significant slits. Thus, stretch lycra skirts are not suitable. Girls may also wear smart tailored trousers instead of skirts, as a trouser suit [leggings, denims, track-suit bottoms, culottes, etc. are not permitted].

Summer Dress Order

In a period of sustained hot weather, this will be announced. You may then remove your jacket on the premises.