

## Sixth form dress guidance 2023/2024

Our academic standards are high at the St Ivo Academy, and with that comes high expectations of our sixth form students. This applies to work ethic, effort, and presentation and appearance. As the most senior students in the school, our sixth form students are our ambassadors, representing the values and ethos expected at the St Ivo Academy.

Our dress style for sixth form students is smart/ casual and we have an expectation that students will wear clothes that are appropriate for a shared multi-aged organisation incorporating young children. As such, we ask students to understand and recognise that clothing choices may need to be more modest than would otherwise be perfectly acceptable outside of school.

We believe that sixth form students should be instrumental in developing a set of guidance for students and staff to follow that balances the need for an affordable approach to sixth form dress expectations, and the right of sixth form students to express their individuality through dress, with the respect for others on a shared non-college site. Our sixth form student leadership team helped us create the following list of extreme sixth form dress choices that should be avoided:

- No intentional showing of excessive midriff
- No underwear, that covers private areas, on show
- No outer garments, or single layers that could be confused with underwear
- No plunging of the neckline on or past the under sternum
- Trousers should fit on or above the hips
- Shorts should have an inseam of at least two inches
- Shorts (within the guideline above) must be worn under short skirts or dresses
- No jeans that are ripped beyond recognition
- No joggers or leggings
- Any logos, pictures or text on garments should be respectful
- Footwear should adequately protect the feet for practical subjects

**Student lanyards and badges must be worn at all times when on the Academy site.** This is for gate access, signing in and out as well as other safeguarding requirements.

We recognise that clothing choices are a personal decision, therefore, any conversations about the appropriateness of a sixth form student's choice and alignment with the principles of this guidance will be undertaken in private. Students may be asked to return home and change if their dress choices are felt to be extreme and we believe they undermine the spirit of this guidance.

This guidance document should be reviewed and updated at least annually with staff and student leadership members, with time made available during the year for tweaks where necessary.