



QUEENS' SCHOOL

Dare to be Great

Dress Code

All Sixth Form Students must always wear their school lanyard and ID badge - failure to do so will result in a sanction.

Ethos

Our dress code is designed to be simple and reflective of the modern, outward-looking and ambitious students who study at Queens' School. Since Sixth Formers are old enough to be deciding the direction of their own lives, we believe that they should also have a reasonable amount of personal choice about what they wear and be able to make mature judgments as part of their development into adulthood.

Expectations

Sixth Formers at Queens' are not expected to wear a school uniform and are empowered to make decisions about their identity and how they want to present themselves in a learning environment which contains a range of ages down to 11 years old.

Sixth Formers are welcome to wear formal professional attire, However, students who want to dress in a style more akin to modern workplaces are equally welcome to do so. We do not wish to prevent individuality and we recognise that the workplaces our students are preparing for have fewer restrictions in terms of dress than for previous generations.

However, students also have a responsibility to dress in an expected manner and we have therefore provided some guidance below. The list is not exhaustive and we reserve the right to point out other issues as they arise.

To avoid ambiguity, the following list of items are considered inappropriate:

Footwear

- Trainers (including Converse, Vans, Nike)
- Boots above ankle-height, steel-toed.

Clothing

- Trousers, skirts and dresses not of a reasonable length
- Cropped tops, skinny strap tops, backless tops
- Hoodies
- Shorts (there are exceptions in the summer months when shorts are allowed, email confirmation is sent to students by a member of the Senior Leadership Team).
- Sportswear and tracksuits
- Underwear that is visible
- Beachwear (including sliders/flip flops)
- Fishnet tights or ripped tights
- Jeans
- Wording/Slogans that could be considered abusive or offensive
- Caps and hats

Tattoos, piercings and hair dye

- Tunnel earrings
- Visible tattoos
- Unnatural hair colours e.g. blue, pink, green.

Some clothing is specified by subjects. For example, open-toed shoes would be considered dangerous in a design and technology workshop. Sixth formers are expected to observe the individual dress codes of subjects, where they exist.

No student should be prevented from owning clothing that allows them to feel confident and empowered at school. Financial disadvantage can affect anyone, and so those sixth formers requiring financial support for the purchase of clothing can apply for a bursary via the 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Process for responding to dress code issues:

In the first instance a staff member from the Sixth Form Team or Form Tutor team will identify the concern with the dress code and either:

- Ask the student to immediately rectify the issue or, if this cannot be done
- Send the student to the Sixth Form Office to arrange for them to be sent home

If a student is unable to get home they will not be permitted to attend lessons and will work from the Study Centre. A parent/carer will be notified and asked to bring in appropriate clothing. Alternatively, students will be asked to change into appropriate spare clothing kept in the Sixth Form Office. Once the issue is rectified the student will be able to return to lessons.

Students who are sent home will be expected to do so as promptly as possible, and to return to the Sixth Form Office to check the issue is resolved. Notes will not be accepted from parents/carers to excuse non-uniform footwear being worn, other than on medical grounds.