

BIST Sixth Form Dress Code

Dress Code

The dress code for Sixth Form is no longer business casual. It is now: **smart casual**.

Smart casual is a dress code that strikes a balance between professional attire and casual wear, suitable for various occasions where traditional formal wear might be too much and informal wear might be too little. Here's a breakdown of what constitutes smart casual:

	Allowed	Not Allowed
Topwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Button-down shirts (plain, striped, or patterned) ● Polo shirts (short-sleeved or long-sleeved) ● Oxford shirts (with or without button-down collar) ● Henley shirts ● Crew-neck or V-neck jumpers ● Cardigans ● Tailored dress shirts (for a more formal smart casual look) ● Casual blazers or sports jackets ● Chambray shirts ● Roll-neck jumpers (for cooler weather) ● Blouses (silk, chiffon, or cotton) ● Tunics ● Wrap tops ● Peplum tops ● Short-sleeved blouses ● Knit jumpers (crew neck, V-neck, or turtleneck) ● Cardigans ● Tailored dress shirts (for a more structured look) ● Blazer jackets (casual or structured) ● Gillets ● Smart t-shirts ● Hoodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strappy tops: tops with straps narrower than 4 cm. ● Tops that reveal the midriff or lower back ● Any t-shirt, shirt or hoodie that has an offensive word or symbol on it (this is at the HoS's discretion) ● Football shirts

Bottomwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress pants • Chinos • Dark jeans • Tailored shorts • Skirts that end at the knee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jogging bottoms/ sweatpants • Athletic shorts • Shorts or skirts that are above the knee
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loafers • Brogues • Clean and smart trainers • Boots • Converse/ Vans pumps or similar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip-flops • Sandals
Outwear, hair, accessories	<p>In regards to coats and jackets there are no rules. Hair can be styled and/or dyed in a manner that expresses your identity/ individuality. Accessories can be worn but try to avoid large hooped earrings. Tongue piercings are not allowed. Facial piercings must be discreet. Navel piercings should not be seen.</p>	

What happens if the dress code is not followed?

The Sixth Form dress code encourages students to embrace their identity and showcase their individuality, all while maintaining a professional appearance suitable for our academic environment. While we value self-expression, **adherence to the dress code policy is non-negotiable**. Failure to comply will result in students spending their study periods and breaks in the Sixth Form office. Persistent disregard for the dress code will prompt a discussion with parents to address the issue. Just as dress codes are customary in professional settings and formal occasions such as weddings or job interviews, we expect our students to follow our dress code everyday without exception.

We kindly remind students to follow staff instructions when it comes to the dress code.

Students are expected to have the appropriate clothes for Physical Education (PE) to school, as follows:

- t-shirt
- house t-shirt
- shorts (or tracksuit/leggings)
- sports shoes/trainers.