



## St. Joseph's 6<sup>th</sup> Form Dress Policy

Here at St. Joseph's 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre, we do not enforce a school uniform for our 6<sup>th</sup> form students. However, we do operate a **formal dress code** and we expect all students to comply with it. It is the responsibility of the Sixth Form Management Team to ensure that all students are fully aware of what the dress code comprises of and that they meet the school's expectations. The Sixth Form Tutor Team are responsible for advising students on the appropriateness of dress and for consulting with the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Management team to ensure consistency.

As a Christian school, St. Joseph's will treat all students with equal respect; we will give all students the same opportunity to succeed and will do so regardless of external factors. For this reason it is important that all pupils accept that the dress code applies to them equally and that they must adhere to it. To require students to comply with the dress code does not impinge on our belief in their uniqueness and it is not intended to be unduly restrictive or to inhibit pupils from dressing in ways in which they feel comfortable.

At St. Joseph's Sixth Form, we are committed to achieving success and to cultivating positive attitudes towards teaching and learning. This applies to staff and students alike. High quality education requires an ethos in which all distractions are minimised and students are able to focus on their study. We encourage our students to have high aspirations towards learning, and showing professionalism in being suitably dressed is one important way of ensuring that students are 'Ready for Learning.' Additionally, our Sixth Formers are important role models for younger pupils in the school. They must act as ambassadors in demonstrating positive attitudes and a sense of pride and respectability in their appearance.

It is for these reasons that pupils who are not adhering to the correct dress code will be quickly identified and reminded of expectations about their appearance. Sanctions will apply when students attend school inappropriately dressed.

The following guidelines explain the School's Sixth form dress code. However, it should be noted that the Head of Sixth Form reserves the right to make a judgement on individual cases.

## St. Joseph's Sixth Form Centre's Dress Code

Dress Code	General Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colour code:</b> Black, white and grey clothing</li>   <li>• <b>Trousers</b></li>   <li>• <b>Skirts/ dresses</b></li>   <li>• <b>Respectful and appropriate</b></li>   <li>• <b>Appropriate footwear</b></li>   <li>• <b>Cosmetics and piercings</b></li>   <li>• <b>No extreme or bright hair colours</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No colours other than black, grey and white, even if only part of the design</li> <li>- No logos or slogans which could be considered offensive. Small logos, for example, unobtrusive brand names are permitted.</li>   <li>- Trousers should be of a standard fit</li> <li>- No denim is permitted apart from dark black smart denim.</li> <li>- No tracksuit bottoms</li>   <li>- Skirts and dresses should be mid-thigh length as a minimum</li>   <li>- Clothing should not reveal underwear</li> <li>- No low slung trousers</li> <li>- If skirts or dresses are of mid-thigh length they should be worn with thick dark tights or leggings</li> <li>- Clothing should not be revealing. Shoulders or midriffs should not be exposed.</li> <li>- 'Spaghetti style' shoulder straps are not allowed</li> <li>- No rips in clothing</li>   <li>- Black shoes or boots should be worn</li> <li>- Trainers are not allowed</li> <li>- Plain black shoes such as converse/ vans are permitted</li> <li>- Beach footwear such as 'flip-flops' should not be worn</li>   <li>- Make-up should be unobtrusive</li> <li>- Facial piercings should not be obtrusive or present any health and safety risks</li>   <li>- No extreme hair colours are allowed</li> </ul>

## Sanctions:

<b>Sanctions for failure to adhere to the dress code</b>	
<b>Incident:</b>	<b>Sanction:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> incidence	Verbal warning given by Head of Sixth Form Form/ Learning Leader (form tutors are responsible for advising pupils on appropriateness of dress and for consulting with 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Management team to ensure consistency)
2 <sup>nd</sup> incidence	Pupil told to leave school, to change clothing and return. We will write to parents to explain that they were inappropriately dressed for school and enclose a copy of our dress code.
3 <sup>rd</sup> incidence	Pupil told to leave school. We will write to parents and inform them that the pupils will not be able to return to school until a meeting has been held with the <b>pupil and the Head of Sixth Form/ Learning Leader of 6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> . The pupil will not be allowed to return to lessons until an agreement is reached in this meeting.
4 <sup>th</sup> incident	Pupil told to leave school. We will write to parents and inform them that the pupils will not be able to return to school until a meeting has been held with the <b>pupil, parents and the Head of Sixth Form/ Learning Leader of 6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> . The pupil will not be allowed to return to lessons until an agreement is reached in this meeting. The student may face further disciplinary procedures in line with the whole school discipline policy. (Please see school discipline policy.)