

Six 21 Dress Code

Six 21 is a community that has a set of core values: *humanity, community, responsibility, openness* and *excellence*. Our dress code is a visual representation of the value of excellence and taking responsibility for your learning. Our sixth formers are role models within our 4-18 community, and thus are expected to lead the way in their professionalism and commitment.

In order to help students we have provided some guidance and non-negotiables as an indication of the absolute minimum standard we would expect. If any students are struggling to pay for new shoes or clothing they should speak to the sixth form team as bursaries may be available.

Whilst suits are optional for day-to-day lessons, we do expect all students to own one formal suit for presentations and other high profile events.

Colour

Any colour clothing is acceptable provided the item of clothing (and outfit as a whole) is sufficiently smart.

Guidelines

- Formal, collared shirt or blouse, with or without a tie.
- Formal, professional style blazer.
- Formal, professional dress / skirt / trousers.
- Smart shoes. In addition, shoes should be safe for movement around the school and all activities undertaken.
- Make up and jewellery consistent with a professional image may be worn.
- Appropriate gym clothing for sports activities only.
- Clothing can be patterned or plain but should not have words on

Unprofessional Clothing

We consider the following dress unprofessional. Students attending wearing any of the following items will be asked to return home to change.

- Jeans
- Leggings
- Tracksuits including hoodies
- Sportswear and leisurewear
- Trainers (including trainer-like shoes)
- Flip flops/open toed shoes/casual sandals

Exemplars:

Please see below for some additional guidance and exemplars. Note that these are not exhaustive but should be used as an indication of the minimum standards expected at Six 21.

Jeans

This includes all denim clothing, any cut, and trousers of any fabric with a jean-like design. For example, the trousers below would count as jeans:



Leggings

This encompasses any extremely tight trousers of any colour/fabric. However, smart leggings under a dress or skirt (for example, worn in place of tights) are, of course, acceptable.

Tracksuits/sportswear

This includes hoodies, t-shirts, tracksuit trousers or any other item of sports wear.

Trainers (and trainer-like shoes)

These are defined as any foot-wear with either a base suitable for exercise such as a plimsole, trainer, dancing shoe, hiking boot etc. or a top layer of a casual material or design (or a combination thereof).

This includes completely black trainers and trainers with embroidery/designs e.g.



Examples of hybrid and trainer-like footwear which are not acceptable within the Six 21 dress code include:



Flip flops/open toed shoes/casual sandals

These can cause a safety risk in school and so if any student is in any doubt at all they should check before purchasing any **open-toed footwear**. Examples include, but are not limited to:

