



Ponteland High School

Sixth Form Dress Code

DRESS CODE		SPIRIT
MALE	Compulsory	
	Smart Business Wear • Jacket and trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Waistcoats not to be worn without jacket. • Leather jackets are not appropriate • No casual trousers (i.e. jeans, joggers, cargo, etc)
	• Tie	• Appropriate for school with no garish pictures
	• Collared shirt	• Not casual (lumberjack type)
	• Sensible dark footwear (smart business)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No trainers or similar e.g. canvas, converse type • No plimsolls types including those with different coloured soles
	Options	
<i>Optional extra underneath jacket:</i> • Plain jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sweatshirts or hoodies • No words or logos bigger than a thumb-print • Jumper not to be worn instead of jacket • Tie and jacket must still be worn with jumper 	
FEMALE	Compulsory	
	Smart Business Wear • Jacket and skirt or trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leather jackets are not appropriate • Stretchy skirts or mini-skirts are inappropriate • No casual trousers (i.e. jeans, leggings, cargo or ski pants or cropped trousers)
	• Collared shirt or Blouse with collar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt/blouse must be tucked in, unless tailored • No words or logos bigger than a thumb-print • No thin strapped tops or vest tops • No low cut or see-through tops • No backless or off the shoulder tops • No bare midriffs • No T-Shirts
	• Sensible dark footwear (smart business)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No trainers or similar e.g. canvas/converse type • No plimsolls types including those with different coloured soles
	Options	
	<i>Optional extra underneath jacket:</i> • Plain jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sweatshirts or hoodies • No words or logos • Jumper not to be worn instead of jacket • No long cardigans/jumpers that extend past jacket
	• Colourless, tan or black tights	• Not patterned or coloured
• Tie	• Appropriate for school with no garish pictures	

Also note the following conditions:

- Piercings should be limited to studs
- Outside coats are **not** to be worn around the school and must be kept in your locker
- Business jackets are to be worn **at all times** around school whilst in circulation
- No mobile phones to be used **outside** the Sixth Form study areas

While many students wear their uniform smartly and proudly, some do not. The following plan of action is intended to rectify this:

- To avoid any confusion/misinterpretation of the dress code for Sixth Form students, copies of the current dress code requirements are issued prior to the commencement of the current academic year and copies of this dress code are available in the Sixth Form office and in Tutor Rooms.
- Should any student not adhere to this uniform code without a reasonable explanation will be asked to comply the following school day and parents will be informed.
- Those that do attend with incorrect uniform, but have a valid reasonable explanation should speak to a member of the Sixth Form team/tutor and agree a time when the uniform will be corrected
- Students who persistently fail to maintain their uniform will be issued with sanctions or asked to go home to change
- Staff will conduct regular uniform inspections throughout the year

SUMMER

Following the Summer half term holiday (during final half term), students will be permitted to NOT wear their suit jacket in the same way lower school students do not have to wear their jumpers.

Mr Coburn, Mrs Howorth and Mr Chaudhry will decide on the appropriateness or otherwise of any item worn in school by Sixth Form students.

SPIRT:

We understand that students have spent most of their lives in school uniform and believe post-16 should afford more freedom to their clothing choices. In some cases, the dress code in Sixth Form does allow for this, however, there are a few things students and parents should keep in mind:

- Our Sixth Form students look fantastic. Our school leaders repeatedly receive compliments on how our Sixth Form students dress and carry themselves.
- Student who do not regularly wear business dress look uncomfortable at interviews for jobs and universities. This is not true of our Sixth Form students who wear suits on a daily basis.
- Our code is not oppressive. Students who have part time jobs or compete in sports at a high level would never attend work or competition in the incorrect clothing or kit, we would expect the same for school. A dress code is there to put you in the mode of the activity to be completed, in our case high level academic study.
- **Ultimately we want you to be smart, formal and ready to work**

NOTE:

The uniform code has changed over the years. In some cases the version printed in student planners and on tutor displays may be out of date. The most recent version will always be available from the Sixth Form office and on display in the Sixth Form tutor rooms.