

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL (WIMBORNE MINSTER)

Sixth Form Appearance Policy

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1. Introduction and Purpose

The way we present ourselves each day is an obvious sign of our intention and resolve to work hard for and with each other and to be our best in our learning and everything else that we do. Therefore, as role models and leaders of our student community, QE Sixth Formers are expected to dress and act in a smart and confident manner. This means that they should not wear untidy, immodest or revealing clothes. The following appearance policy allows for individual choice of appearance in keeping with the above principles ensuring students are appropriately dressed for learning in a school environment.

The appearance policy has been developed by our Student Management Team and Sixth Form Student Focus Group. The policy aims to not be unduly restrictive or inhibit students in dressing in ways in which they feel comfortable and how they wish to present themselves as maturing young adults in a working environment.

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to all of Queen Elizabeth's School – Sixth Form Students

3. Policy Principles and Procedures

In order to dress in a suitable manner for learning in a school, QE Sixth Form students must adhere to the following:

- No clothing with logos or wording that may be considered offensive.
- No overly revealing clothes or tops that reveal stomachs, backs or cleavage.
- No clothing which reveals underwear of any description.
- No hats on or hoods up at any time in the school building.
- No open-toed footwear.
- No ripped jeans.
- No skirts or dresses shorter than mid-thigh length.
- No swimming/beachwear style shorts - shorts should be smart/tailored and at least mid-thigh length
- No sports style shorts, tracksuit trousers or sweatpants – if such garments are required for practical activities students must change in and out of them when needed during the day.
- No extreme hairstyles or bright colours - with exception to authorised charitable causes.
- No bright, extreme or excessive make-up.
- No facial piercings. Clear stud retainers are permitted.
- Thick/non revealing leggings are acceptable.
- Ear piercings are acceptable – however, no more than 3 small studs/rings per ear.
- Ear phones and mobile phones are acceptable for educational use when directed by a member of staff or when in use in the designated Sixth Form areas (Study room, common room and the Café) – they should not be visible and/or used elsewhere around the school site.
- Students must have their lanyards and ID cards at all times when on the school site.
- Students will participate in a scheduled 'smart day' (office professional style clothing) once a term to help raise money for designated Sixth Form and House charities.

3. Policy Principles and Procedures (Cont'd)

The following sanctions will be in place for students who may fail to adhere to the QE Sixth Form appearance policy:

- A verbal warning and a 24 hour notice to make the necessary changes.
- If after 24 hours the necessary changes have not been made students will be placed into isolation.
- If after 48 hours the necessary changes have not been made students will be sent home and a Parent/Carer meeting organised to action the necessary changes that must be made before reintegration back into school.

4. Links and References

Behaviour Policy