



Dress code for RH6: update

The key changes are:

- Jackets are no longer compulsory
- Smart black trainers can be worn

These changes were made in consultation with our Senior Leadership Team and are also reflective of current practice in many professional places of work.

RH6 Dress code

Our Sixth Form dress code is designed to enable students to have more autonomy, compared to wearing a uniform, whilst promoting **a positive and professional image** that enables students to be role models for the rest of the school, and **feel smart and ready to work**.

Our aim is to make the dress code gender and culturally **inclusive, practical and affordable**. We want to prepare our Sixth Formers for the working world, and as such, adherence to a dress code is good preparation for many professional roles. Looking smart and wearing appropriate clothing is one way in which our students show **care, kindness and respect** and feel confident. Crucially, they are **school leaders and role models** for the rest of the school and this needs to be shown through their appearance.

At RH6 we do recognise that many workplaces are increasingly flexible towards dress codes. In keeping with this, our Sixth Formers can:

- Have their **hair in any style or colour***
- **Wear jewellery** of their own choosing*
- Have **nail colour** of their own choosing*
- Wear **Doc Marten boots or smart black trainers**
- Wear clothes of **any colour**
- Wear **cultural clothing** appropriate to workplace

**In some learning contexts, for health and safety reasons, students may need to remove jewellery or tie their hair back e.g. in a science practical/ drama practical. This is at the discretion of the teacher.*

What students *can* wear...

A business suit

Smart dress (not a clingy bodycon mini dress)

Smart trousers or skirt

A shirt, blouse or smart top which can be patterned and in any colour they like.

A tie can be worn

Cultural wear e.g. Shalwar Kameez/ Kente/ Kaftan

Plain, smart well fitted cardigan or jumper

In the winter months, students will be able to order and purchase a **RH6 hoodie** from the school in a range of colours.

What students *can't* wear...

No canvas shoes, converse or coloured / white trainers

No jeans

No crop, strappy, see-through or denim tops

No mini or bandage skirts

No tracksuit bottoms

No oversized sweatshirts or cardigans

No loungewear

No leggings

No clingy / "bodycon" dresses

Ripped tights/ clothes with deliberate slashes/ rips

FAQs

Q: What sort of trousers can I wear?

A: Any suit trousers, but not shorts or denim

Q: What sort of skirt can I wear?

A: skirts should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and should not be made of a tight or clingy / lycra material. It should be closer to your knee than your bum!

Q: Are there any colour restrictions?

A: No – your trousers and jacket (if you choose to wear one) can be any colour. Tweed or pinstripe materials are permitted

Q: Am I allowed any denim?

A: No! Denim or jean-like materials are not allowed.

Q: Do I have to wear a suit jacket?

A: No – a suit jacket is no longer compulsory but you can wear one if you want

Q: What style of top can I wear?

A: A well-fitting shirt or blouse or smart top in any colour: not a crop top

Q: Q: Can I wear strappy tops or crop tops?

A: No, you must wear a blouse or shirt of your choice.

Q: In Winter if I want to purchase an RH6 hoodie, how do I do this?

A: You will be able to buy this through the school and choose from a variety of colours.

Q: Can I wear my own hoodie?

A: no – in winter months if you choose to wear a hoodie instead of a jacket, it must be a regulation RH6 hoodie

Q: Can I wear a sweatshirt or oversized cardigan?

A: No – you need to look smart and all jumpers or cardigans need to be well fitted and appropriate for school.

Q: Can I wear my coat around school?

A: No – once in school you should leave your coat in your locker or in safe space in common room.