



SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE POLICY

Our sixth form dress code reflects the high expectations of the school and is based on the dress codes of our Employer Sponsors.

All sixth form students:

- are role models for the younger students in the school and have a responsibility to model appropriate dress and appearance;
- are representatives of Ron Dearing UTC and our University and Employer Sponsors. Their dress and appearance must, therefore, project a positive and professional image at all times.

Our dress code takes into account the broad range of activities that sixth form students engage in during the working day.

General Principles:

- Clothing must be professional or smart-casual attire;
- Clothing should be clean and in a good state of repair;
- Hair should be neat and tidy. No extreme hairstyles/unnatural colours are allowed;
- Visible tattoos are discouraged and must be discreet and inoffensive;
- Unless otherwise stipulated for health and safety reasons (e.g. in workshops), jewellery may be worn, including a single nose stud. Other facial piercings should be removed (retainers are permitted);
- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are allowed, but nails must be kept to a reasonable length for health and safety reasons.

The following attire is acceptable:

- Shirts;
- Smart polo shirts;
- Smart Casual t-shirts;
- Blouses/smart tops. Necklines should not reveal cleavage. Sleeveless blouses/tops are allowed but straps must be at least 5 cm wide. No 'strappy' or strapless tops. Cropped-tops are not permitted;
- Smart dresses. Dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Necklines should not reveal cleavage. Sleeveless dresses are allowed but straps must be at least 5 cm wide. No 'strappy' or strapless dresses;

- Smart skirts. Skirts should be no shorter than 4 inches above knee;
- Smart, tailored full-length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers, work-wear trousers or chinos.
- Smart denim jeans. Ripped or distressed denim jeans are not permitted. Tracksuit or jogging bottoms are not permitted;
- Smart, tailored Bermuda shorts in summer. No denim or sports shorts;
- Smart shoes/sandals. Smart trainers are permitted. No flip flops;
- Ties may be worn, but are not compulsory.

For health and safety reasons:

- the appropriate protective clothing and footwear must be worn in workshops and Science labs;
- ties should not be worn in workshops or when carrying out science experiments.

The Principal has the final say on whether clothing and appearance is appropriate.

If a sixth form student's clothing or appearance is not deemed appropriate, the Principal, SLT or Head/s of sixth form will speak to the student concerned and ensure the situation is rectified.

Approved by The Governing Body: .../.../...

Signed by (Chair of Governors)