



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 Partners - 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 should be clean and in a good state of repair
- Hair should be neat and tidy
- Visible tattoos must be inoffensive
- Unless otherwise stipulated for health and safety reasons (e.g. in workshops), jewellery may be worn
- 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
- Polo shirts
- Smart, casual t-shirts – no inappropriate slogans/images
- Blouses/ tops but necklines should not reveal cleavage and cropped-tops are not permitted
- Dresses but hemlines should be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee. Necklines should not reveal cleavage
- Skirts but hemlines should be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee
- Smart, tailored full-length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers, work-wear trousers or chinos
- Denim jeans - ripped jeans are not permitted
- Smart tracksuits, leggings or jogging bottoms

- Smart shorts in summer – no hot pants
- Smart shoes/sandals/trainers
- Ties may be worn if it is safe to do so, but are not compulsory

For health and safety reasons:

- the appropriate protective clothing and footwear must be worn in workshops
- 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 Heads of Sixth Form will speak to the student concerned and ensure the situation is rectified.