



## **POST 16 DRESS CODE POLICY**

**Date of Last Review:** May 2016

**Date of Next Review:** May 2019

**Responsibility:** Mrs C. Riddle

**Advisory Body Signature:**

The Ravensbourne School has a clear Dress Code which Post 16 students are expected to adhere to. The Dress Code requires students to wear 'business attire', suitable for a professional working environment such as an office.

The Advisory Body fully support a Post 16 Dress Code to:

- Promote self-esteem amongst our students
- Promote our ethos of being the best that you can be
- Prepare students for the world of work
- Provide our wider community with a positive image of our school

All Post 16 students are expected to comply with the Dress Code. Persistent refusal to dress appropriately will be dealt with under the School Behaviour for Learning Policy.

## The Dress Code

**MALE** clothing expectations:

Male students should wear a smart business suit with shirt and tie.

- 1) Jumpers/Cardigans can be worn, but as long as it is accompanied by a formal suit jacket.
- 2) **No jeans or chino style trousers**
- 3) Shorts are not permitted at any time
- 4) **Tie worn at all times** and collar done up
- 5) Plain leather shoes. **No trainers**
- 6) **No caps/hats/hoods**

**FEMALE** clothing expectations:

Female students should wear a smart business suit (either skirt/dress or trousers) with a blouse and suit jacket.

- 1) **Skirts below or just above the knee. Short skirts are not permitted**
- 2) **Low cut tops or any revealing clothes are not permitted. Shoulders should be covered.**
- 3) **No jeans or chino style trousers**
- 4) Shorts are not permitted at any time
- 5) Jumpers/Cardigans can be worn, but as long as it is accompanied by a formal jacket.
- 6) Plain leather shoes. **No trainers**
- 7) **No caps/hats/hoods**

## Wearing the Dress Code

Post 16 students are expected to wear the dress code appropriately **from Monday through to Friday**.

**Jewellery and Piercings:** Nose piercings, lip piercings, tongue piercings or any other form of piercings are not acceptable in our school.

**School Shoes:** School shoes should be functional and suitable for a professional environment. Any other form of shoe (i.e. canvas, leisure, training shoes of any description or labelled shoes) is not acceptable. This list is not exhaustive – it serves only as examples.

**Hairstyle:** All students should wear a hairstyle that would be acceptable in an office environment. Extreme hair dyes, very short crew cuts and mohicans (below a number 4) are not acceptable. Equally students should not have any designs shaved into their hair.

## The Role of the Parents

The vast majority of our parents fully support all aspects of our Post 16 Dress Code. It is part of the 'contract' that we enter into when your child joins our Post 16 centre.

We ask that parents are especially vigilant about:

- Matters of decency
- Piercings
- School shoes
- Hairstyles

Young people will often try to push the boundaries in these areas. If you are in any doubt about whether an item is acceptable **PLEASE CONSULT POST 16 before** you purchase and ensure you receive a definitive answer from the Post 16 progress team.

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