

Bishop Walsh Catholic School Sixth Form Uniform

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide clear guidance to students, staff, parents/carers and other stakeholders about the expectations of the school with regard to uniform. Bishop Walsh Catholic School takes appearance very seriously; smart appearance plays an essential part in academic development for post 16 students.

Bishop Walsh Sixth Form students are regarded as role models for younger pupils in the school. Therefore, standards of dress are an important part of the ethos of the Sixth Form. It is important to regard Sixth Form dress requirements in a positive manner. The aim of this dress code is to remind students that the school is a workplace and their smart appearance should reflect that.

Sixth Form Uniform Requirements

- The official **black Sixth Form jacket** with Bishop Walsh Catholic School Sixth Form crest.
- **Tailored black trousers** or a **plain black knee length skirt**. Tights may be worn under skirts; however, leggings are not allowed. Tights must be plain black or nude in colour.
- **A plain white shirt**. This may be short or long sleeved. It must be buttoned at the front and have a collar.
- **Gents must wear a smart tie**, of their choice. Ladies may wish to wear a tie of their choice.
- If students wish to wear a jumper this must be a plain black V-neck or round neck jumper with no logo. Students can choose to wear this in addition to their blazer.
- **Black, smart leather shoes**.
- **A maximum of two simple stud-like earrings** can be worn in the lower lobe of each ear. No piercings are permitted in the tragus or helix of the ear. No tongue, facial or visible body piercings are permitted. Other jewellery may be worn but this must be discreet.
- **A smart hairstyle is compulsory**. Male students are permitted to have long hair but this must be tied back. Only natural highlights are permitted. Red, purple, lilac or orange highlights are not permitted or any other colour that is not natural. The Sixth Form Leadership Team have the right to decide whether a highlight is natural and whether a hairstyle is smart.
- **Material**- no denim, corduroy, leather, lycra, chinos or canvas. No trousers which in any way resemble jeans in black denim. The Sixth Form Leadership

decide whether a pair of trousers look like jeans or not. No tight trousers or skirts.

- **Footwear-** Smart shoes must be worn at all time. Unacceptable shoes include – trainers, boots, canvas shoes or pumps.
- **Make up/Nails** - Discreet make up and nail varnish is allowed. Students are not permitted to wear heavy make-up or fake nails and fake eyelashes. Make up wipes will be provided if make up is deemed too much. The Sixth Form Leadership Team reserve the right to decide whether make up is too much.

Students who turn up to school inappropriately dressed will have items confiscated or may be asked to go home and change. Students should accept that if they choose to dress inappropriately they are risking being sent home, with a consequent loss of learning time.