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## **Sixth Form Uniform: Basic Expectations and Guidance 2025**

As representatives of the most senior part of the school, Sixth Form pupils are permitted to wear formal business attire in place of the standard school uniform.

Formal business attire includes the type of clothing that one would expect to see people wearing in a professional place of work. It is distinct from informal clothing of the sort that is worn outside working hours, in the evening or at weekends. The aim is that our senior pupils appear as an employer would see them – smartly dressed in a business suit, ready to meet clients, conduct meetings and act as representatives for the institution to which they belong.

The following guidance is designed to help you understand what we mean by ‘formal business attire’. This dress code reflects our culture of professionalism, responsibility, and leadership. As senior members of our school community, you serve as role models for younger pupils and represent Wellington College in public settings.

### **Why Does Wellington College Require This Dress Code?**

#### **1. Leadership & Role Modelling**

As the most senior pupils, you set the standard for younger pupils. Dressing professionally reinforces discipline, respect, and maturity.

#### **2. Preparation for the Future**

University, internships, and careers often require formal attire. Wearing it now helps you develop confidence and professionalism.

#### **3. Representing the School**

Whether on the school campus, at events, or in public, your appearance reflects Wellington College’s values and reputation.

#### **4. Equality & Inclusivity**

The dress code is gender-neutral, allowing all pupils to express themselves professionally while maintaining a unified standard.

Item	Acceptable Examples	Unacceptable Examples
<b>Top</b>	Shirts should either be worn with a tie, or Mandarin collared, long sleeved and without obvious patterns and branding	Hoodies or t-shirts, black or other strongly coloured shirts
<b>Bottom</b>	Navy, grey or black dress trousers, tailored chinos, knee-length skirts (if preferred)	Jeans, shorts, leggings, overly tight or short skirts
<b>Outerwear</b>	Navy, grey or black suit jacket, blazer, or tailored jacket. A dark overcoat for colder weather.	Hoodies, denim jackets, sportswear
<b>Footwear</b>	Black or brown polishable, closed-toe shoes (e.g., loafers, oxfords, smart flats)	Trainers, boots, flip-flops, sandals
<b>Accessories</b>	Minimalist jewellery	Excessive jewellery, loud patterns or branded clothing, baseball caps



***These graduates are modelling formal business attire***

### **A reminder that**

- **Jackets** must be worn on all formal occasions (e.g. parents' meetings, Fellows Award Night, Speech Day etc.)
- Clothing may not display **garish branding** or patterns
- **Jewellery** should be restricted to a watch, discreet earring studs and a plain necklace. Chains are not permitted.
- Be mindful of your **personal grooming** – hair neatly styled, consistent in colour with your own hair (ie. dyed hair is not permitted), minimal make up/perfume/cologne.
- **Ask if unsure** – if you have questions about what is appropriate, check with the Head of Sixth Form for further guidance.

**PE Kit**

On days when physical education is timetabled, pupils must wear Wellington PE kit. Pupils can wear this for the whole day, if they wish to. Pupils are not allowed to wear other types of sportswear.

**What Happens When the Dress Code is not met?**

Pupils who fail to meet the standards of our dress-code outlined above will be asked to go home and change. Consistent abuse of the dress-code will result in the individual being asked to revert to the standard school uniform.

By embracing this dress code, you demonstrate **maturity, responsibility, and pride in being a Wellingtonian**. Thank you for upholding these standards with confidence and respect.