

31 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Ripley Sixth form, we have high expectations for all our pupils. We believe that sixth form is the stepping-stone to wider society and to their adult lives. We work hard to prepare our young people for the world beyond school, teaching them self-discipline, respect, and how to manage their work-life balance effectively. We encourage our young people to make appropriate choices in terms of their behaviour and how they dress within structured and defined guidelines.

In the sixth form dress code policy, we ask that all students dress for a professional working environment. This is defined as shirt and tie with smart trousers for boys and smart top with skirt/trousers or a dress suitable for a working environment for girls. Denim, canvas shoes/trainers, leggings, crop tops, tight and very short skirts and hoodies are not permitted under any circumstances. In addition, for security and safeguarding purposes, all sixth form students must visibly wear their lanyard and ID card.

Through appropriate dress, the sixth formers act as role models and ambassadors for the school. Sixth form is a serious learning environment and students should take a responsible and mature approach to how they present themselves to ensure they are focused on achieving their goals for life beyond Ripley. It is intended that our smart, professional dress code will help our young people maintain a focused mindset, that allows them to clearly separate their working week from their leisure time. Additionally, the dress code helps our students learn how to present themselves in university, apprenticeship and job interviews and teaches them the importance of complying to an employer's dress code, whatever form it takes.

I would be most grateful if you could reiterate this to your son/daughter and ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the start of the new term. Students in breach of dress code will be sanctioned and asked to change. Subsequent breaches may result in them being taken out of circulation for the day and students may be asked to return home to change at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form. If your son/daughter has lost their ID card and needs a replacement, this must be paid for using Scopay before a replacement will be given. Lanyards are available from the sixth form reception on request.

You can find the dress code policy on the sixth form section of the school website, should you wish to read it in full.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter. I hope you and your family have a very happy and holy Easter.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs H Abell

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