

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



## Sixth Form Dress Code

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*An Education for Life*

## OUR VISION

We aim for all members of our Christian community to flourish spiritually, academically and personally so that they can live life in all its fullness.

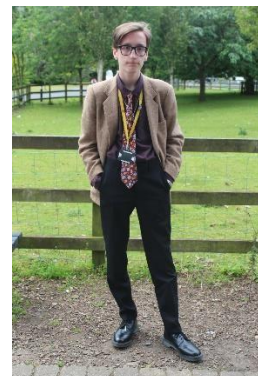
*'I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.'*

(John 10:10)

The Sixth Form Dress Code reflects the values of the Ripley St Thomas community. A student's adherence to the Dress Code demonstrates respect for the ethos and learning environment. All places of employment have dress code policies. It is true that dress codes vary significantly between and even within sectors, however, as an employee, we must all comply with whatever rules are set. The dress code policy that follows has been created in consultation with current students and aims to reflect the context of the Ripley community and ethos.

Through appropriate dress, Sixth Form students act as role models for younger students and ambassadors for the school. The school's expectations are that students in years 12 and 13 understand that the Sixth Form is a serious learning environment and that they take a mature and responsible approach towards how they present themselves. This will ensure that their time with us is focused on reaching their goals for life beyond Ripley Sixth Form.

The purpose of this dress code is to maintain a professional appearance and mindset so that we can clearly separate our working week from our personal leisure and relaxation time. An additional benefit is the fact that students will have a good understanding of what to wear for university interviews, job interviews and apprenticeship assessments.



**Students are asked to make appropriate choices of clothing from the list below. Clothing choices should be modest, respectful and in keeping with the traditional values and ethos of the Ripley St Thomas community.**

<b>All students choose items from the following list:</b>	<b>*Not allowed:</b>
Business style suits comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• either matching or complementary business style jacket</li> <li>• tailored trousers</li> <li>• dress or skirt (minimum knee length or midi).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very short/tight/split/ruched dresses or skirts.</li> <li>• Jeans or cargo/combat style trousers.</li> <li>• Ripped tights.</li> <li>• Leggings/ flared leggings/skin tight trousers.</li> <li>• Track suits.</li> <li>• Hoodies/sweatshirts/fleeces.</li> <li>• Clothing made of leather, denim, pleather, PVC, sheer/revealing fabric.</li> <li>• Bodycon dresses/skirts.</li> <li>• Shorts.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain or patterned collared shirt worn with tie (short or long sleeved)</li> <li>• Plain or patterned smart top (short or long sleeved).</li> <li>• A plain jumper or cardigan may also be worn <u>under the suit jacket</u> in colder months <u>but is not a substitute for a business style jacket</u>.</li> <li>• Matching or complementary waistcoats worn under the suit jacket are also permitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logos or slogans.</li> <li>• Low or cropped tops.</li> <li>• Tops with spaghetti straps.</li> <li>• Strapless tops.</li> <li>• T-shirts.</li> <li>• Hoodies/sweatshirts/fleeces/thick or baggy jumpers</li> </ul>
Footwear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart black/brown shoes or ankle boots, with a regular slim sole and suitable for an office setting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainers/Converse style/ canvas or rubber shoes/flip flops/sandals/sliders/crocs.</li> <li>• UGG boots or shoes.</li> <li>• Knee length or platform boots or shoes</li> </ul>
Jewellery & Hair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earrings.</li> <li>• A small single nose stud may be worn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear spacers.</li> <li>• Nose rings.</li> <li>• Multiple facial piercings.</li> <li>• No extreme haircuts or colours.</li> <li>• No visible tattoos.</li> <li>• No facial coverings.</li> </ul>
Outer wear coat worn over suit for cold and wet weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoodies worn as coats (with or without zip)</li> </ul>

\*The list of items of clothing "not allowed" is by no means an exhaustive list. The school reserves the right to add items to this list at any time if they are deemed to be not in keeping with the values & ethos of the Ripley community.

***If you have any questions or are unsure if a particular item is appropriate for school, please speak to Mrs Abell, Mrs Blundell-Roberts or Miss Apsey before purchasing/wearing to sixth form. In cases of financial hardship, please see Mrs Abell.***