

Bancroft's

Sixth Form Uniform Ethos

The Bancroft's Sixth Form aspires to create a friendly, inclusive environment where all students are empowered to achieve their best. Our fundamental aim is to prepare students for life beyond Bancroft's. The last consultation on Sixth Form uniform took place in October 2023 and aims to provide clarity and certainty to students, parents, and staff.

The uniform ethos we have developed is 'modern professional'. Different workplaces have adopted varying interpretations of dress code, from completely casual to very formal. All workplaces are different, and each must decide on what is best for that particular environment. Our interpretation of modern profession means that Sixth Form students should dress in smart clothes, suitable for a working and learning environment whilst also feeling comfortable in what they wear and being able to express themselves.

Students must be well presented and always ready to represent the school positively. The following uniform ethos has been developed by students who have conducted intensive research to ensure most people are happy and comfortable.

This is a clear set of guidelines requested by students, devised by students, written by students and worn by students. We ask everyone to respect it.

General Principles

For **all** students the following general principles apply:

- A jacket is required
- Neutral colour palette
- Fabric/pattern/print must be minimal
- Formal footwear – no trainers, sports shoes, sandals, flip-flops
- Casual clothing is not appropriate for a working and learning environment. These include:
 - Jeans
 - Leather
 - Hoodies
 - Sweatshirts
 - Tracksuits
 - Clothing with inappropriate language or imagery
 - Neon/bright colours or prints (e.g. tie-dye)
 - Novelty items

If in doubt, please ask a member of the Sixth Form team, your Tutor, or your Housemaster/Housemistress



Specific Guidance – Feminine

- Shirts: Shirts, blouses and smarter T-shirts with a blazer are appropriate (with or without collar) cap sleeves are also appropriate but sleeves to be no shorter. Midriff should not be shown.
- Jacket/Blazer
- Jumpers: Smart sweaters, cardigans, knitwear are acceptable – must fit under a jacket
- Trousers: Straight leg, slim fit, chinos – flared leggings may be worn of an appropriate material
- Skirts/dresses: Must be of an appropriate length (modern professional) – mid-thigh is the minimum appropriate length, and where this is the case you should pair your skirt with black tights of a high denier. Longer skirts need not be worn with tights.
- Closed-toe shoes – e.g. loafers, dress shoes, flats, or ankle boots
- Accessories: Belts, scarves, and ties are fine
- Jewellery: Must be simple and elegant (Multiple piercings are fine) – stud earrings or small hoops are advised. Necklaces, bracelets and rings are allowed as long as they are kept minimal.

Example Outfits (n.b. Jackets are required)



Example knitwear (n.b must fit under a jacket)



Skirt/Dress Length

Skirts/dresses should be at least as long as the mid-thigh. The following images are minimum length examples from a range of high street retailers.



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Examples of clothing that is too casual:



Sportswear	Oversize	Jeans	Leather / Skirt too short	Sleeveless/ Midriff showing/ Skirt too short
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Specific Guidance – Masculine

- Formal chinos and blazer or Suit
- Collared Shirt
- Formal footwear – dress shoes, loafers, Chelsea boots etc
- Tie – students may wear their own formal tie / Bancroft’s Sixth Form tie / Colours tie
- Smart sweaters/knitwear/quarter zip, cardigans – these must fit under a blazer

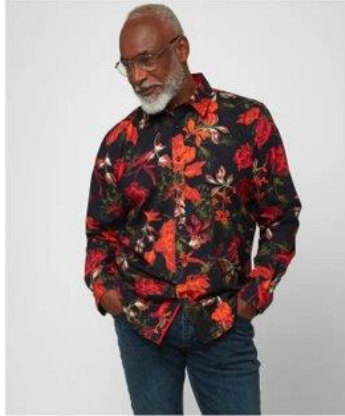
Example Outfits:



Example Knitwear:



Examples of clothing that is too casual:



Sweatshirts/sportwear	Trainers/T-shirt	Casual Prints/Fabric	Jeans/casual footwear	Neon/Bright colours
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