



St Bede's Catholic College

Areté Dress Code



Our dress code provides a set of standards that are set for St Bede's Catholic College Sixth Form. This code gives clear guidelines as to what is, and what is not acceptable and has been developed in consultation with students. They will monitor the dress code, in partnership with the teaching staff.

We have adopted a “**young professional dress look**” and have based these guidelines on how a professional person would dress for work. This means our Sixth Form students will be **smart, well presented and business-like** at all times whilst they are studying.

Acceptable clothing

- Trouser suit (matching jacket and trousers)
- Skirt or dress suit (matching jacket and skirt/dress)
- Blouses or shirts
- Ties (optional)
- Plain jumpers or cardigans may be worn in cold weather, in addition to jackets, but not in place of them
- Waistcoat (optional)
- Coat (to be worn to college, not around college and **not in class**)
- Smart shoes/smart boots

What is not acceptable:

- Any type of denim/leather jeans or jackets, ripped jeans
 - That is, no clothing with rivets
- Large patterned shirts
- Vest tops
- Leggings
- Low cut tops or low buttoned blouses/shirts
- Trainers, converse or canvas shoes or similar
- Skirts high above the knee
- Hooded tops
- Shorts
- Hot pants
- Flip flops
- Bare midriffs

Where clothing has a logo it will only be permitted where it is discrete and is not offensive in nature.

Facial jewellery **must** be removed.

Appropriate jewellery may be worn by Sixth Form students, i.e. wrist watch, earring, ear stud, single necklace and single bracelet.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. For guidance this includes, very short hair, very long hair, multi-coloured hair, shaved patterns. Beards, if worn, must be tidy.

Any student not adhering to the dress code policy will be sent home to change into suitable attire. The ultimate decision as to what is / is not acceptable will be made by the Head or Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

'Casual Week B Friday'

Students may wear 'casual' attire on Fridays of Week B, except during the specified periods when casual days will be suspended. 'Casual' attire does not mean that students may look sloppy or unprofessional. All students should look professional at all times.

What is acceptable:

- Jeans without holes, frays etc.
- Chinos
- T shirts
- Polo shirts
- Casual footwear, which may include trainers or canvas shoes

What is not acceptable:

- T shirts or jumpers with inappropriate logos
- Crop tops and bare midriffs
- Backless tops/dresses
- Shorts or skirts above the knee
- Board shorts
- Facial piercings
- Spaghetti straps
- Low cut tops
- Flip flops

Any student who is unsure of what is appropriate should check with the Deputy or Head of Sixth Form.

Casual Week B Friday has been agreed in consultation with students. It is in the interest of allowing students freedom to express themselves and as a reward for adhering to the professional dress policy at all other times. This privilege will be withdrawn if the dress code is not respected by students.

A breach of the uniform policy that is not addressed by the student will put their place in the Sixth Form at risk. This is a community where each and every student must adhere to the reasonable rules as laid down, in the interest of justice and fairness and harmonious relationships.

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