

Post 16 Personal Presentation Guidance:

In keeping with a modern sixth form the Post 16 students at The Westwood are **not required to wear uniform** and are permitted to wear their own choice of clothing in keeping with a smart, casual appearance. Part of the ethos of our Sixth Form is that it should operate in similar style to a place of work; it will then help to prepare students for future employment. Although most employers do not require employees to wear a uniform they do expect certain standards of dress and appearance.

As an 11 to 19 school it is hoped that younger pupils and visitors would see Sixth Form students as good role models and as the best that The Westwood has to offer. Students are often expected to take on responsibilities within the school which require a smart but casual appearance (e.g. working with younger pupils in the Library on our Paired Reading Scheme, helping in Reception or in specific departments). This presents the individual with opportunities for personal development, which complement their academic studies.

There are occasions when Sixth Form students will be required to wear more formal dress, such as giving assessed presentations, working as school ambassadors, going on work experience, interviews, etc. However, students will be given specific advice on suitable attire and ample warning of this expectation.

Students are discouraged from having a tattoo until they are at least 18 years of age. Students choosing to wear a tattoo should do so in a discrete place on their body.

Whilst we understand that all guidelines are open to interpretation it is hoped that Sixth Form students will be sensible and self regulating in the choice of clothing that they wear to school. However, if a student's appearance is considered inappropriate then they may be asked to go home to change. The Director of Post 16 has delegated authority to make the decision on what is appropriate and what is not.

Guidelines will be monitored and reviewed regularly by the Sixth Form School Council and the Governing Body.