

Bancroft's

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Uniform Ethos

The Bancroft's Sixth Form strives to create a friendly, inclusive environment in which every student feels supported, respected, and empowered to achieve their best. A central part of this is preparing students for life beyond school by nurturing independence, good judgement, and a sense of responsibility.

Our uniform ethos is built around the idea of “modern professionalism.” Today's workplaces vary widely in their expectations, from fully casual settings to more traditional, formal environments. Our approach acknowledges this diversity while establishing a standard that is appropriate for a community of young adults. We ask students to dress in smart, contemporary clothing that reflects maturity and respect for their learning environment, while still allowing them to feel comfortable and express their individuality.

We expect students to be well presented and ready to represent the school positively at all times. This ethos has been shaped by Sixth Form students themselves, drawing on careful research and discussion to ensure that it reflects the needs, preferences, and values of the student body.

These guidelines have been requested by students, devised by students, written by students, and worn by students. They embody the culture of trust, responsibility, and mutual respect that characterises Bancroft's Sixth Form. We ask all members of our community to uphold and respect them.

General Principles

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

- A jacket is required
- Neutral colour palette
- Fabric/pattern/print must be subtle
- Formal footwear – no trainers, sports shoes, sandals, flip-flops, UGG boots, or similar casual styles
- 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 (*must fit under a jacket*)



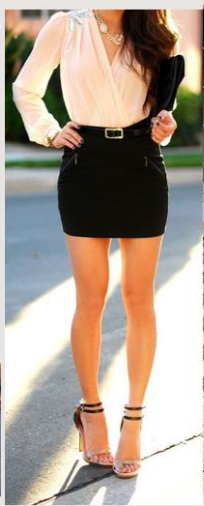



Skirt/Dress Length

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.

 <p><i>Phase Eight</i></p> <p>To be worn with tights</p>	 <p>MANGO</p> <p>No tights required</p>	 <p>NEXT</p> <p>To be worn with tights</p>
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Examples of clothing that is too casual:

				
<p>Sportswear</p>	<p>Oversize shirt</p>	<p>Jeans</p>	<p>Leather / skirt too short / open-toed high-heeled shoes</p>	<p>Sleeveless top/ midriff showing/ skirt too short</p>

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:

