



D6A Student Dress Code Policy

D6A expects students to adopt a mature and professional approach to their studies and their general conduct around the campus. We require students to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a focused academic environment. Students can therefore choose what to wear provided that it is suitable and that it is not worn out, dirty, distracting or offensive*. The Principal reserves the right to determine whether or not a student's clothing is suitable.

In particular, students must be dressed to study and to work comfortably, and should ensure they are sufficiently covered for a learning environment. As face to face communication is an important aspect of how we work at D6A any clothing items that obscures a person's face should not be worn indoors.

For all staff and students, lanyards must be worn around the neck with the strap clearly visible and not tucked into clothing at all times on campus. Photo ID cards must be displayed in lanyards with the photo ID clearly visible. Students and staff must not cover their faces on campus.

In classrooms, phones and headphones should only be used when directed by a member of staff. In other places students should always maintain an awareness of their surroundings.

Coats should be taken off in lessons, though teachers may grant exceptions in cold weather.

Appropriate sports kit of students' own choosing is required for participation level sporting enrichments. Students that choose competitive sporting enrichments will be required to purchase D6A branded training kit for travelling to and from fixtures and training sessions as directed. For certain competitive team sports, for example football and netball, strip is provided by the College which must be worn during fixtures.

For certain celebratory events more formal clothing may be requested or expected.

Students on work experience placements, community care placements, volunteering in Trust schools or similar College-organised activities must be suitably dressed in accordance with the placement requirements.

* D6A believe that students should be given choices about what is appropriate to wear for college, however we also want to provide guidance about what 'suitable for a focused academic environment' means in practice. The list below has examples of some things that would not be appropriate (it isn't a list of all the items that would be inappropriate)

- flip flops / sliders or footwear with impractical heels
- skirts, shorts or tops that are not suitable for a place of work
- clothing with political slogans

Conflict regarding dress and appearance is, of course, inappropriate - however should conflict arise students would become subject to our disciplinary procedure.

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