

The RGS Sixth Form Dress Code 2026/27

At Rochester Grammar School Sixth Form, students are role models to Years 7-11 and are expected to uphold high uniform standards during their time in our Sixth Form.

The core principle of the dress code is to maintain a professional work environment whilst allowing students to feel confident in their appearance.

If any student is unsure whether an item of clothing is permitted, they should bring the item with them to school and check with a member of the Sixth Form Team, before they wear it during the school day.

- All members of the Sixth Form are required to always wear a lanyard. This is an important requirement for safeguarding.
- All members of the Sixth Form are required to always wear a blazer. This must allow for shirts/tops to fit underneath.
- Ties must be worn with shirts. In hot weather, when shirt sleeve order is permitted by the Headteacher, ties can be removed.

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts must be of a tailored material and be at a palm's width above the knee or longer. The length must remain when walking around school and not rise up.
- Smart dresses are acceptable, but no stretch fabrics and no strappy dresses are permitted this includes stretchy/bodycon skirts/dresses.
- Tights must be worn unless it is term 6 or a shirt sleeve order is in place when it is too hot.

Suits and Trousers

- Trousers and suits should be tailored and smart.
- No casual trousers, leggings, or jeans.

Tops

- The top must fit under the blazer.
- No logos or writing is permitted.
- Crop tops and strappy tops are not permitted. Shoulders must be covered.
- Thick, woollen jumpers and hoodies are not permitted.
- Shirts must be tucked in.

Footwear

- Footwear should be sensible and appropriate for a school environment.
- Smart, flat shoes, heels, or ankle boots may be worn. Trainers, DM style boots, boots above the ankle, and stilettos are not permitted.

Jewellery

- The amount of jewellery should be appropriate for the work environment.
- Piercings - 2 studs allowed per ear. 1 discrete facial nose stud allowed.
- Additional piercings must be removed during the school day.
- No visible tattoos allowed.

Make-Up

- Subtle make-up can be worn, although this should not be in any severe styles.
- Natural nail varnish, and acrylic nails are to be of a normal workable length.
- Natural lashes only.

Hair

- The colour of a student's hair must be a natural tone (black, brown, auburn, blonde, or grey).
- Unnatural colours are not permitted – this includes but is not limited to blue, purple, bright red and green.

Head-Coverings

- These may be worn as appropriate for religious reasons – and should be plain in colour – black, dark grey, or navy.
- Caps, durags, and bandanas are not permitted

Coats

- Can be worn to and from school but not around school or in lessons.
- On arrival at school, coats and winter accessories should be removed and stored in the lockers where possible.

Exceptions

- An application to deviate from the dress code for a specific reason must be made in writing to Mrs Brinklow.

Non-Uniform Days

On non uniform days clothing should be suitable for the business of the day.

- Students should not wear tight or very short skirts, strappy tops or have bare midriffs, flip flops, ripped jeans.
- The usual regulations concerning coats, bags, jewellery and make up still apply.
- Leggings may be worn
- Shorts may only be worn with leggings or tights.

As trends change, the Sixth Form Team will clarify items that are permitted.

Term 6

- You do not have to wear your blazer, but you must still have it in school for formal events such as assemblies
- Ties do not have to be worn with shirts.

Sports Uniform

- Students must wear a plain polo shirt or T shirt with no logos.
- A plain sweatshirt without a hood. No hoodies or zip tops.
- Sports shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms can worn
- Trainers (crocs and/or sliders **not** permitted)

A Level PE Students

- Students are to wear their normal school uniform
- There may be, on occasion, when students are required to wear sporting attire, which includes an optional purchased A-Level PE t-shirt and in line with the above sports uniform

Sanctions for not following the school uniform policy

Students will be given a behaviour point and where appropriate asked to change. In some cases, Students may be asked to go home and change.

A blue slip will be issued for any uniform infringement, recorded on class charts and followed up with parents. The tutor will give this a time frame and check the infringement has been rectified in the agreed time scale. 3 blue slips recorded on class charts will automatically result in a detention.

If we are concerned about your ability to follow the dress code, you may be placed on a Dress Code Monitoring Report and have your uniform checked each day by a member of staff and privileges may be removed e.g. home study.

If the issue persists then a meeting will be arranged between the Sixth Form Team and parents. Students should not underestimate the part that appearance plays in both their personal and professional development; thereby demonstrating their commitment to the school by following this dress code.