



## SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

As a pupil of Istock Place School, the overall impression you create must be of a professional, dynamic, young person: first impressions count. During your Sixth Form years, our aim is that you will learn to present yourself confidently and effectively. Importantly, we want you to have the freedom to express your personality and to understand the need to do so, within the culture of a particular institution or organisation, in this case, IPS.

### ***A good rule of thumb:***

Focus on making an impression through what you do and achieve. So, if what you are wearing is drawing the wrong sort of attention from staff, change it. Why draw attention to yourself for a negative reason? Your tutors may ask you to modify your attire should they think it does not convey a good impression, and you will be expected to respond to their guidance.

### **Boys:**

- VI boys wear a smart suit, with the jacket and trousers of the same material.
- The shirt is suitable for business-wear, has a collar designed to take a tie, (that is, not a casual collar) and be of plain or striped material. Long sleeves are never rolled up.
- A formal tie is a requirement; the knot is your choice but short, fat ties are not permitted!
- Waistcoats may be worn and are encouraged for winter. Sleeveless, v-necked pull-overs, if absolutely necessary, should be dark in colour.
- Crew neck, cardigans and patterned jumpers, or those carrying logos or brand marks, are not acceptable.

### **Girls:**

- VI girls wear a formal trouser suit or skirt suit in which the jacket and the trouser or skirt are of matching fabric.
- Skirts are lined and tailored and of an acceptable length (this is deemed to be on or close to the knee).
- Jackets should be structured.
- Blouses, with collar and of an opaque fabric, are of modest design and must be acceptable in the professional context (that means that no bra straps are visible). Sleeveless blouses are not permitted, nor are tight trousers, leggings and jeggings.
- Tights, black, navy or neutral are worn with skirts except when advised in summer and a heavier denier is recommended in the winter.

**Shoes for both girls and boys** are of a polishable material and are of one colour. Heels are of a sensible height remembering that the campus has some uneven ground and many stairs. Stiletto heels of any height are not allowed in order to protect your ankles as well as the wooden floors. Boots worn to School in bad weather may not be worn in School.

**Hairstyles and jewellery** should be in keeping with the overall impression created by your attire as outlined above. Acceptable piercings are the same as for the whole school. Pupils must not wear hairstyles deemed by the School to be extreme; facial hair or jewellery are not permitted (unless for religious reasons). Hair must not be dyed an unnatural colour.

**When moving around the School** you should wear your suit coat or jacket at all times, except when advised in the summer. In this instance you must, however, always have a jacket in school which may be stored in the Common Room cupboards.

The **School's PE kit** is to be worn at all School fixtures or as otherwise directed by the PE staff.