

# Ark Academy Sixth Form dress code

The intention of the Sixth Form Dress Code is to help maintain the smart appearance encouraged in Years 7-11 whilst allowing a degree of flexibility, in acknowledgement of the role of Sixth Form and their progression towards the world of employment.

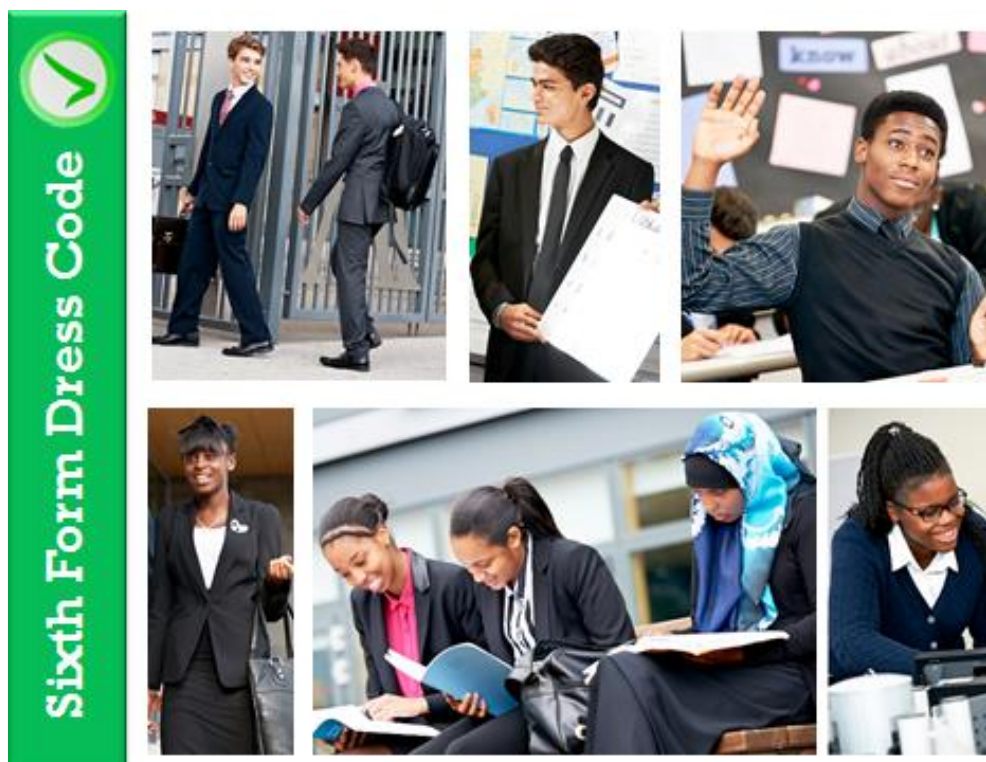
A member of the Sixth Form should be able to leave Ark Academy and immediately attend a formal interview without having to enhance their appearance in any way.

The information below outlines the key aspects of the dress code policy. These guidelines cannot be completely exhaustive and deal with every possible alternative but instead represent a guideline to the meaning of **business dress**. We hope that the spirit and tone of these expectations are followed. If in any doubt, a member of the Sixth Form Senior Leadership Team should be contacted prior to any purchase to confirm the suitability of any items.

## **Appropriate dress:**

- Male Sixth Formers are expected to wear a shirt, a tie, and either a **suit** or a **jacket** and trousers of conventional style and material with plain black, navy or brown polished leather or 'leather' look shoes.
- Female sixth formers are expected to be formally dressed in a skirt (not too short) or tailored trousers, blouse or top and a **formal jacket** or cardigan.

*Some examples of appropriate dress include:*



The following items are **not acceptable**:

- Casual clothing such as , T shirts, sports shirts, sweatshirts
- Jeans, leggings, jeggings, jogging trousers, track suits or any hooded tops
- Short skirts
- "Skinny" trousers
- Stomach and cleavage should be covered
- Trainers, canvass shoes, or steel capped work boots
- Flip flops, sandals or Ugg boots
- Garments carrying large designs or logos
- Leather or imitation leather garments (apart from shoes or bags)
- Earrings other than small studs
- Any other facial or visible piercings
- Tattoos



## Hair

Extreme bleaches, highlights or dyes that are in blatant contrast to the hair's natural colour are not permitted. It is also not acceptable to have styles where lines and/or shapers are cut into the hair.

**Sixth Formers who do not follow the dress code will be asked to make amendments or sent home to change. Sixth Formers will not be allowed into lessons until these expectations are met.**