



30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## College VI Dress Code

I am pleased to inform you that the Local Governing Body (LGB) has approved a change to the College VI dress code to take effect from September 2019. After considerable thought and discussion, the LGB decided that the current smart casual dress code does not effectively portray a suitable image for our highly academic and aspirational Sixth Form; nor is it in keeping with our traditional values. Therefore, we have taken the decision to introduce a smarter dress code which will see students dressed professionally in business attire. Details of the new dress code are provided below and will apply to all students in College VI, both Year 12 and Year 13.

As you will know, standards of achievement and the quality of teaching in College VI are very strong and have continued to improve in recent years. Care, support and guidance, including for the university application process, are outstanding and the wider programme for learning outside of the classroom is exceptional. The majority of students at Riddlesdown Collegiate and a growing number of students in other schools are increasingly seeing College VI as the place to be for post-16 success. The new dress code will smarten the image and help to present College VI as the first choice Sixth Form for ambitious and hard-working young adults.

The new dress code also brings College VI into line with all other local school Sixth Forms, including our other Trust secondary school, The Quest Academy. This will facilitate partnership and collaboration between College VI and Quest 6 – an exciting opportunity that both schools are keen to explore.

To support the transition to the new dress code, we are currently negotiating an arrangement with Topman and Topshop in Croydon for an additional discount on all business attire. We will share the details once confirmed.

Should you have any questions regarding the new dress code, please contact your son/daughter's Tutor or a member of the College VI Senior Team.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey  
Principal



## COLLEGE VI DRESS CODE

College VI students should be smartly dressed in business attire, with identity cards and College VI lanyards worn and visible at all times.

In practice, this means:

### Male

- Formal Business Suit  
*or*
- Formal Trousers and Jacket
  
- Shirt and Tie
- Formal shoes

### Female

- Formal Business Suit (skirts must be at least to the knee, no stretchy lycra material allowed)  
*or*
- Formal Business Dress and Jacket
  
- Formal Blouse or Shirt
- Formal shoes

*The following are examples of casual clothing that are **not** permitted (this is not an exhaustive list):*

- Casual style dresses (e.g. those with a vest style top, very thin straps and strapless style top)
- Denim/Jeans trousers, shirts, blouses or skirts
- Casual trousers (e.g. combats, track suits, leggings)
- Casual tops (e.g. track suit, fleeces, t-shirts, hooded tops, vest tops)
- Shorts
- Sportswear
- Short skirts/revealing clothes
- Trainers
- Hats, caps and bandannas

In addition, students should appear professional in their image. Brightly coloured hair, facial piercings or visible tattoos, for example, are **not** permitted.

If in doubt, please speak with a member of the College VI Senior Team.

This dress code applies to all students in College VI from September 2019.