

### **Theale Green Sixth Form Dress Code**

We recognise that Sixth Form students are seen as role models to younger students in school and, as such, have a responsibility to model behaviour and expectations. We want Sixth Form students to feel comfortable and to be able to express a degree of individuality during the school day and be dressed appropriately for their 6<sup>th</sup> form subjects. Nevertheless, we also want to promote a professional and more adult working environment, as well as a positive image to the wider community; therefore, we always expect them to be dressed appropriately. External visitors are frequently seen in our Sixth Form, and we are pleased that an increasing number of our Sixth Form students are volunteering out in the local community; we want students to reflect our positive learning environment, mature work ethic and attitude.

To reflect the ethos of many international and national businesses, coupled with dress code standards being very subjective, we have slightly relaxed our dress code. From September students are permitted to wear dark black, full length jeans and black trainers (please see below). Students will have each Friday to be 'dress-down' Friday. On this day, casual clothes can be worn, for example, blue denim, but we politely request that clothing is still suitable for an educational environment. The success of dress-down Friday will be monitored in the first term and updated as appropriate.

### **At Theale Green Sixth Form, this means that the following dress-code is agreed:**

- Tops are professional, which means that they do not include low cut tops, vests crop tops and spaghetti straps.
- Please do not wear clothing bearing political or contentious slogans/images and / or discriminatory or culturally sensitive imagery.
- Dark, full length, black jeans are allowed, we request that these are not ripped or faded.
- Black trainers and converse trainers are permitted. Please refrain from wearing other coloured trainers, or trainers with very visible logos.
- Underwear must not be exposed.
- Hairstyles and colour should be appropriate for the workplace.
- Footwear: please do not wear Ugg style boots, Dr Martin style boots, open toed sandals or flip-flops.
- Please do not wear Hoodies / tracksuit bottoms / or leisure clothing.
- Skirts should be an appropriate length and style and shorts are not allowed.

### **Make-Up and Accessories:**

- Make-up should be discreet.
- Nails should be of reasonable length, style and colour.
- Piercings should be discreet and tattoos are illegal in the UK under the age of 18; tattoos for our oldest students should be discreet

### **Lanyards**

- As with any post 16 environment, the wearing of lanyards is compulsory for safeguarding purposes.

Sixth Form students should be dressed in an appropriate and professional manner. The guidelines above are not exhaustive, and are expected to be interpreted with the degree of maturity to match the additional freedoms given to Sixth Form students. Staff are not expected to have to debate this dress code. The Senior Heads / Prefect team have been consulted on this code, and have contributed to its development. If students do not adhere to the high standards we have at Theale Green, they will be given a warning by a member of staff, and will be expected to amend their dress code with urgency and by the following day.