

THE BECKET SIXTH FORM

UNIFORM POLICY 2026 ONWARDS

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

(Colossians 3:12)

Introduction:

At The Becket Sixth Form, we believe that how our students dress reflects a positive image of themselves and the core values of The Becket School. As role models and young leaders for our 11–16 pupils, Sixth Form students are expected to maintain high standards in their work ethic, behaviour, and appearance.

Our Sixth Form community is diverse and regularly welcomes external visitors, it is vital that everyone - both staff and students - dresses appropriately and sensibly to ensure a focused, respectful environment.

While we do not require sixth formers to wear a traditional uniform, giving students the independence to choose their own attire, clothing must still adhere to the dress code outlined in this policy. Sixth Formers should continue to take pride in their appearance, recognizing that they have chosen to study in a formal school environment and not a college.

It is beyond the scope of this policy to provide guidance on every eventuality. In the event of queries, the final decision on what is deemed appropriate will fall with the Sixth Form Team or Senior Leadership Team.

1. Clothing Expectations:

Our Sixth Form students are role models to each other and to Main School students and how they present themselves is important. Our expectation is that Sixth Form students are decently, appropriately and professionally dressed for Sixth Form. We operate the common sense approach of 'if in any doubt about a clothing item, don't wear it'. As such the following clothing items are not permitted:

- Casual athletic attire - Including gym wear, sports shorts (such as yoga, legging shorts or football or basketball), tracksuits, jogging bottoms, and athletic jerseys (such as football or basketball shirts) these are not considered appropriate for a working environment.
- Students must not wear ripped jeans, ripped and patched jeans, or other torn clothing.
- Tops with a low-cut neckline (a garment opening that rests significantly lower on the chest than a standard cut tee-shirt), strapless tops, vest tops with very thin straps (under 3cm) that leave the shoulders uncovered, and tops that lead to skin being exposed between the bottom of the top and the top of the chosen bottom clothing item.
- The Becket Sixth Form expects all skirts and dresses to be maintained at a professional and appropriate length.
- Leggings should be a plain muted block colour with small and subtle branding. Bright or patterned sports leggings should not be worn.
- Slogans which could offend anyone are not acceptable on any form of clothing or accessory.

2. Footwear Expectations:

At The Becket Sixth students often study practical subjects such as sciences and technologies. For Health and Safety footwear must be appropriate for the school / classroom environment. For this reason, the following footwear are considered unsafe and should not be worn:

- Sliders
- Crocs
- Flip-flops
- High heeled shoes

3. Headwear Expectations:

Students are permitted to wear any headwear worn for religious or cultural reasons.

Hats are not to be worn in any area of Sixth Form or Main School.

Should a student wish to wear a hat considering weather conditions this must be removed when said student enters the Sixth Form or Main School building.

4. Lanyard Expectations:

Students in September of Year 12 are provided with a lanyard free of charge. This is a compulsory part of our Sixth Form identity. All Sixth Form students must wear a lanyard at all times when in Main School or in Sixth Form areas. To avoid problems, it is recommended that Sixth Form students store their lanyard in their school bag at the end of each day so that they have it for the following day. The lanyard allows for door access, is used to purchase food and helps to ensure easy identification for safeguarding purposes.

5. In School Procedures:

a) Lanyards:

Should a student forget their lanyard they must report to Ms. Viggers office for a temporary pass. This is given in exchange for an item that the Sixth Former will remember to collect. The below will come into effect:

Stage 1:

The student will be spoken to about the importance of remembering their lanyard for signing in and out. Their name will be recorded for monitoring purposes.

Stage 2:

If a Sixth Former forgets their lanyard for a second time, the Sixth form Deputy or Head of Sixth Form will have a formal conversation with the student outlining expectations. The Sixth Former's name will be recorded for monitoring purposes. As part of this it will be made clear to said Sixth Former that a third instance of forgetting their lanyard will result in either:

- The Sixth Former being sent home to retrieve the lanyard.
- The Sixth Former having to pay £2.00 for a replacement lanyard if lost. This must be paid on ARBOR due to The Becket School being a cashless school.

Communication will go home to parents / guardians to explain that this conversation has taken place.

Stage 3:

If a Sixth Former forgets their lanyard for a third time, the Sixth Form Deputy or Head of Sixth Form will have a formal conversation, and the above will be enacted. Parents will be notified that their child has been sent home to retrieve the lanyard.

To avoid Sixth Formers losing additional learning time, this system will reset back to stage 1 on the 4th occasion, and the above will restart. This approach therefore takes into account the large distance some Sixth Formers travel each day by imposing no real consequence until the 3rd instance of forgetting

b) Uniform Infringements:

Should a student fail to meet the uniform expectations as outlined above the below procedure will ensue:

Stage 1:

A conversation will take place with the Sixth Form student and a member of the Sixth Form staff. In the conversation the uniform infringement will be explained, and why it goes against this policy. The Sixth Form student will be told not to wear the item again.

Should the clothing item be top related, a clean black tee shirt will be provided for the Sixth Form student to wear for the day. This conversation will serve as a ***'formal warning'***. Failure to comply with this adjustment will result in the Sixth Form student being sent home to change, and parents being contacted. This top should be washed and returned to Ms. Viggers as soon as possible.

If the clothing item is not top related, this conversation will serve as a ***'formal warning'*** that further uniform infringements will result in parents been contacted and ***'final warnings'*** being issued.

Stage 2:

Should a Sixth Form student arrive wearing the same item **or** have a second uniform infringement a conversation will take place with the Sixth Form student and either the Sixth Form Deputy or the Head of Sixth Form. This will be supported by the Student Engagement Officer (Ms. Sardone) where appropriate.

If the clothing item is top related, a clean black tee shirt will for the last time be provided for the Sixth Form student to wear for the day. This will serve as a ***'final warning'***. Failure to comply with this adjustment will result in the Sixth Form student being sent home to change, and parents to be contacted.

If the clothing item is not top related this conversation will serve as a ***'final warning'***. Stage 3 below will be clearly communicated to the individual.

Contact home will be made outlining the conversation that has taken place and informing the parent/guardian of the potential next steps outlined in stage 3.

Stage 3:

Should a Sixth Form student have a third uniform infringement, the student will be sent home by the Sixth Form Deputy or Head of Sixth Form to change before returning to Sixth Form to continue learning. Parents / guardians will be contacted about this decision **as soon as possible**.

Stage 4:

Future infringements will be deemed to be acts of defiance. Consequently, a conversation will occur with the Assistant Head with Sixth Form responsibility about a potential Reflection Centre day, Internal Suspension or a Fixed Term Suspension from Sixth Form. This will be formally logged on the Sixth Former's record.

Appendix 1:

In the 'Clothing Expectations' section a top with a low-cut neckline is defined as a garment with an opening that rests significantly lower on the chest than a standard cut tee-shirt. Remember the expectation is that Sixth Form Students are appropriately and professionally dressed.

The below images illustrate a standard cut tee-shirt:



The below images illustrate example tops identified as having a low-cut neckline that the opening rests significantly lower on the chest than a standard cut tee-shirt:



Appendix 2:

In the 'Clothing Expectations' section it mentions 'Causal Athletic Attire'. This including gym wear and sports shorts (such as yoga shorts, legging shorts or football or basketball). Remember the expectation is that Sixth Form Students are appropriately and professionally dressed.

The below images illustrate shorts deemed acceptable, and in line with this uniform policy:



The below image illustrates short styles deemed unacceptable and not in line with this uniform policy:



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