



## **Dress Code**

### **AIMS AND INTENT**

At Wapping High School our students do not have to wear a school uniform as we want to create an imaginative learning environment, reduce barriers between individuals and encourage social awareness in our students. Our students need to understand and meet with confidence the challenges of a diverse and changing society and the world of work. Students are encouraged to adapt the formality and style of their dress appropriately according to events in order to prepare for their professional futures.

### **GUIDELINE**

Although we wish for our students to express their individuality and be comfortable in what they wear, we want students to remember school is a place of work. Not all casual clothing is suitable for school and these guidelines will help you determine what is appropriate to wear to school. Clothing that works well for the beach, dance clubs, exercise sessions, and sports are not appropriate. Clothing that reveals cleavage, your back, your chest, your stomach or your underwear is not appropriate. Clothing should be clean, not have words, terms, or pictures that may be offensive or distracting to others.

### **JEWELLERY**

Jewellery must be discrete, earrings are allowed but studs only, no bangles, large rings or necklaces. Body piercing is not acceptable other than small stud earrings due to the risk of injury to the wearer or others.

### **SKIRTS, DRESSES AND SHORTS**

Casual dresses and skirts, and skirts that are split at or below the knee are acceptable. Dress and skirt length should be at a length at which you can sit comfortably in public. Short, tight skirts that ride halfway up the thigh are inappropriate for school. Mini-skirts, skorts, sun dresses, beach dresses, shorts above mid thigh and spaghetti-strap dresses are also inappropriate.

### **SHIRTS, TOPS AND BLOUSES**

T-Shirts, polo shirts, sweat shirts and turtlenecks are acceptable attire for school if they violate none of the listed guidelines. Inappropriate attire includes midriff, belly or crop tops, shirts with potentially offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, or slogans; halter-tops and spaghetti strap vest tops. Vest tops are allowed but the straps must be wide enough to cover underwear and cleavage must not be on show.

### **SHOES AND FOOTWEAR**

Trainers, sandals, slip on shoes are allowed although heels are must not exceed 5cm. Platforms, flip flops, slippers that do not cover your toes are not allowed.

### **MAKE UP, PERFUME,**

Should be in good taste, remember, that some students are allergic to the chemicals in perfumes and make-up, so wear these substances with restraint.

### **HATS & HEAD COVERING**

Hats, hoods, caps are not appropriate in school. Head Covers that are required for religious purposes or to honor cultural tradition are allowed.

## PE KIT

Wapping High School has a PE kit that must be worn for both for internal PE and for school fixtures. Kit is available to order through the school office or the school website. Students will provide their own swimming kit that conforms to GLL pool regulations.

## CONCLUSION

If clothing fails to meet these standards, as determined by the Head, the student may be sent home to change clothes and will receive a [verbal warning](#) for the first offense. Progressive [disciplinary action](#) will be applied if dress code violations continue.