



St Martha's Sixth Form Dress Guidelines 2016/17

Girls should aim to be smart, neat and presentable at all times and to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day.

Choice of dress for school is a matter of careful judgement for girls and they are able to express their personal taste in their clothes. However, they must ensure that they do not dress in such a way that may cause offence or embarrassment for pupils, staff and visitors.

All members of the Sixth Form undertake tours of the school for visitors, and should make sure that their dress is suitable since they could be called on at short notice.

General Guidelines

- Jeans (and denim skirts) may be worn provided they are not torn, patched, ragged or written on.
- Skirts should be mid-thigh or longer, this also applies to tops worn over leggings; tops or dresses should not be low cut or revealing. Bandeau tops are not acceptable.
- Tailored shorts to mid-thigh are acceptable but short shorts, cut-offs, casual shorts and hotpants are not.
- Track suits are not permitted except when playing sport.
- For safety reasons, open-toed shoes and flip-flops cannot be worn for lessons in science laboratories.
- Make up should be discreet, nail varnish is permitted.
- Hats, hoods and other head coverings may not be worn in lesson or for assemblies unless special permission has been obtained from the Headmaster.
- Body-piercing, other than for ears, is unacceptable. Any girl presenting herself at school with unauthorised body-piercings will be required to remove the stud/ring irrespective of when the piercing was carried out, or cover with a medicated dressing.
- Any tattoos should not be visible.

Smart dress

All girls must have one smart set of formal clothes. This should be a skirt, dress or tailored trousers with a shirt, sweater, jacket or equivalent and appropriate shoes. No denim or black jeans please.

Smart dress will be required on the following occasions

Any out of school visits or trips if requested by staff

Prize giving

Open Day

Introduction to 6th form afternoon and evening

Careers Convention

Higher Education Evening

Practice Interviews

Giving tours of the school

Other formal occasions as informed

Staff will ask girls to change or cover up if it is considered that their dress or appearance is in any way inappropriate for the working school day.