

Bideford College Sixth Form Dress Code – September 2026



Bideford College Sixth Form students do not wear a uniform, but instead have their own dress code, whereby they are treated as adults and trusted to wear clothing that is appropriate for a working environment. Sixth Form students are role models for young students and are seen by the college as working adults. The information below gives guidance on what is appropriate and what is not.

Items	Examples of permitted items	Examples of prohibited items
Trousers	Tailored trousers Chinos Smart jeans Smart, plain cargo trousers	Leggings (unless worn with a skirt/dress) Flared leggings Joggers Tracksuit bottoms Ripped/distressed jeans Shorts (only allowed in the summer term when announced) Trousers which are too wide or baggy
Skirts/dresses	Skirts and dresses of appropriate length i.e. no shorter than mid-thigh and a style that is appropriate for college	Any item that is too short or too tight including: Bandeau skirts
Shirts/blouses	Smart shirts/blouses Polo shirts Tops with buttons Smart T shirts (preferable with a collar)	Spaghetti strap tops Items where midriff is visible Sports top e.g. football/rugby tops Tour/band t-shirts T-shirts with large logos Cold shoulder tops Bandeau tops Bandeau skirts
Blazer/jacket	Optional	
Jumpers/cardigans/hoodies	Smart jumpers /cardigans	Jumpers with large and or offensive logos Hoodies
Shoes	Sensible shoes, smart trainers or smart sandals which are suitable for the working environment	Flipflops Sandals which very little straps Crocs Knee or thigh length boots High heeled shoes
Other	Coats and jackets are permitted but must be removed when in the school building Student lanyards must be worn at all times	Hats Hairstyles and colour must not be extreme Gloves of any kind Fishnet tights Any items of clothing with rips in Excessive jewellery

Please see the Head of Sixth Form if you are unsure whether a particular item of clothing is appropriate. Students who choose not to adhere to the policy set out above may be sent home to change