



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RES/LMS

1 December 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

On Wednesday 7th December, all year 11 students will take a break from their usual timetable to take part in an A Level Taster Day. This is an opportunity for students to enjoy a one hour taster session in their chosen subjects, as well as experiencing what a typical day is like for a sixth form student at Heckmondwike Grammar School Sixth Form.

Students will undertake lessons in four of their chosen subjects, along with one non-contact period. In their non-contact period, they will watch a short presentation about the enrichment opportunities offered in the sixth form before using the remaining time for independent study. Students will also be given the opportunity to experience the JCC and discuss any questions they have with the sixth form team.

Please be advised that the JCC will be open to students from 8:00am to 3:15pm and students should travel to and from school as they usually would. Students are free to bring a packed lunch or purchase snacks and food during break time and lunchtime at the JCC as they usually would in the main school. Students will stay at the main school site or at the JCC throughout the day and must adhere to the sixth form's uniform policy (attached).

We look forward to what we expect to be an enjoyable and informative day for all students.

Kind regards,

Miss R Smith
Sixth Form Transition and Enrichment Leader



Smart Casual

Heckmondwike Grammar School is a busy professional working and learning environment. Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally and be sensitive to the broad range of people that they may come into contact with each day. The school community is culturally diverse and includes children as young as eleven, together with adults and visitors. In such a situation, it is a duty incumbent on all concerned to dress sensitively, sensibly and in such a way as not to cause offence or distraction to any member of the community.

The way we dress is a form of non-verbal communication, and it is well-known that non-verbal communication can convey attitudes and meaning just as effectively as the spoken or written word. As a consequence, almost all organisations have dress codes. This dress code will clarify what is acceptable dress for Sixth Formers at Heckmondwike Grammar School.

Additional Guidance:

- Students must wear their ID badge, on a school lanyard, at all times when on the school site. This is to allow for easy identification of students and to ensure the safety of the whole school community.
- Students should avoid wearing revealing clothes. This includes tops with a low-cut neckline, strappy vests that leave the shoulders uncovered and tops that expose the midriff when standing and seated. Tight-fitting and see-through clothes must not be worn.
- Students must not wear ripped jeans, ripped and patched jeans or other torn clothing.
- When wearing skirts, the length of the skirt should maintain dignity at all times, including when seated.
- Sports clothing such as sports shirts, tracksuits and jogging bottoms are not considered suitable for a working environment.
- Leggings should be a plain muted block colour with small and subtle branding. Bright or patterned sports leggings should not be worn.
- Trousers should be full-length and should be worn so that underwear cannot be seen. In the summer months, students are permitted to wear tailored shorts or cropped trousers but these must be of an appropriate style, length and material. Sports shorts and beachwear are not acceptable.
- Slogans which could offend anyone are not acceptable on any form of clothing or accessories.
- Hats and hoodie hoods should not be worn indoors as they can make identification of students difficult.
- Footwear must be appropriate for the school environment where corridors can be busy and crowded, floors may become slippery and there are many flights of steps. For this reason, flip-flops and stilettos are considered unsafe and should not be worn.
- As the school is a busy environment, large amounts of face or body jewellery are not permitted for safety reasons.
- Hair styles must reflect the professional nature of the school environment and as such unnatural hair colours and shaved patterns in hair should be avoided. Students considering any extreme alteration to their hairstyle are advised to seek guidance from the Head of Sixth Form before going ahead.
- Headphones and AirPods interfere with situational awareness and make it difficult to engage with others. Headphones and Airpods must not be worn on the school site.

These guidelines aim to provide some guidance as to the sort of clothing that is expected. We ask that students take a common sense approach to what they wear for school, at all times remembering the phrase 'professional working environment'. The school reserves the right to send students home to change if they do not meet our expectations. The final decision on what is acceptable lies with the Assistant Headteacher (Post 16).



Vest Top



Exposed Midriff



Bandeau Top



Muscle Vest



Offensive Logo



Football Kit



Hat/ Cap or Hood



Sports Shorts



Cut Off Shorts



Mini Skirt



Cycling Shorts



Sports leggings (no large logos or patterns)



Tracksuits



Jogging Bottoms



Strappy Dresses



Bodycon Dress



Ripped/Patched Jeans



Elasticated Jeans



Low Rise Jeans



Camouflage



Stilettos



Crocs



Sandals/Birkenstocks



Sliders/Flip-flops