

Kirkwall Grammar School Dress Code Policy

The appearance of pupils in any school can be a significant sign to others of the kind of ethos or atmosphere that prevails in the school. While appearances can be deceptive, they can also indicate an attitude of mind. The appearance of smart and tidily dressed pupils tends to suggest that they are well-motivated and keen to show that they belong to the school community.

There are obviously forms of clothing which are unacceptable in school such as those which:

- Potentially encourage factions such as football shirts.
- Could cause offence such as t-shirts with political slogans or anti-religious symbolism.
- Carry advertising, particularly for alcohol or tobacco.
- Are inappropriately revealing or skimpy.
- Could cause health and safety difficulties.

Following consultation with pupils, parents and staff, we at Kirkwall Grammar School have agreed a dress code which is compulsory but simple to follow and enables pupils to avoid the problems described above. Pupils are to wear a sweatshirt, polo, rugby shirt or zip top with the school logo or a white shirt and school tie. School tops should not be worn under other clothing and should be seen at all times.