

The following guidelines make clear the expectations for all students at Lancaster School.

Appropriate dress, reflecting a sense of place and occasion, is a social skill that we want everyone to learn and understand. Staff are expected to model these standards through their own dress code.

The students at Lancaster School are expected to dress in a manner that is smart in appearance, as well as practical for the demands of working in a school environment.

- 1 Skirts, dresses, tops and tailored shorts and tops over leggings must be a reasonable length, ie knee length or just above the knee. Short jumper/t shirt style tops/short dresses/skirts and shorts over leggings, where the majority of the thigh is exposed are not appropriate. Similarly, long dresses/skirts are a health and safety risk and should not be worn.
- 2 No tops should show a midriff. In particular, it should not be possible to see bare skin or any piercing or tattoos around the back and waist at any time. Tops should be long enough so that when you bend down your back remains covered.
- 3 Female students– no tops should show excessive cleavage, tattoos or body piercing. Strappy vest tops are not appropriate.
- 4 Accessories, including jewellery, expensive watches, dangly earrings and excessively long nails, are not advisable and care should be taken on your choice of accessories. You are advised to keep them to a minimum and it is your responsibility to protect them from loss, damage and harm to another person or yourself. The school will not replace lost or damaged accessories, including watches.
- 5 Everyone should wear appropriate footwear for the activities they are involved in and for PE/sport activities, regular footwear should be replaced by trainers for the duration of the activity.
- 6 Every member of staff must ensure that clothes they choose to wear for work are appropriate to the activities they are engaged in and do not restrict them from undertaking or supporting those activities.
- 7 When on work experience students are expected to wear clothes appropriate to the work place.
- 8 Protective clothing must be worn where provided, if the staff advise it is appropriate
- 9 Sandals/flip flops are not to be worn. Footwear must have the heel and toe covered.

Please avoid an embarrassing situation by ensuring that you are properly dressed at all times.