

## Post 16: Attenborough College

### Dress Code

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Sir Geoffrey Leigh  
Academy

As Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy works in close partnership with the local community, business and industry, and as Post 16 students are required to be role-models to younger students, Post 16 students must observe the dress code.

#### **It is compulsory for students to wear:**

- A suit/tailored jacket
- Smart/office-appropriate trousers/skirt/dress
- Collared formal shirt and tie or tailored/office-appropriate blouses that cover the shoulder (unless wearing a dress)
- Leather/leather-look formal shoes
- Natural coloured hair

**All students must wear their Identity Card/Attenborough College lanyard. This card must be visible around the neck at all times. This is a legal requirement, not an academy rule.**

#### **Optional**

- Formal jumper that would not cover a tie
- Fitted cardigan
- Outer fleeces and coats

*These must not be worn instead of a tailored jacket*

#### **Students must not wear the following:**

- Denim garments (including jeans)
- Polo shirts/casual T-shirts
- Chinos and trousers not deemed office-appropriate
- Clothing with studded/riveted pockets
- Leather and leather-look garments
- Open-toed shoes (including sandals and flip-flops)
- Ugg boots or similar
- Crocs
- Trainers (unless wearing them in a Performing Arts Acting or practical Sport lesson)
- Off the shoulder, cropped, strapless, halter neck and thin-strapped tops
- Hoodies
- Loungewear
- Garments with large logos or images
- Skirt/dress hemlines that are higher than the halfway point between the hip bone and the knee
- Exposed midriffs
- Bodycon garments
- Leggings
- Shorts/skorts
- Over-the-knee socks
- Unnatural coloured hair
- Headwear such as hats or durags (unless of religious significance, ie hijab)

Earpods/earphones or headphones must not be worn around the building.

## **BTEC Sport Students**

In practical lessons, hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. Students must wear sportswear, which should comprise of:

- Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms
- A plain T-shirt
- Either a plain sweatshirt or a plain tracksuit jacket

## **BTEC Performing Arts Acting Students**

In all lessons, hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. Students must wear the accepted industry-standard rehearsal 'uniform', which should comprise of:

- Loose black top
- Loose black trousers (so they can move easily)
- Soft black shoes (eg jazz shoes or trainers)

## **Jewellery**

Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy is not responsible for the loss of any jewellery.

- Students are permitted to wear small stud earrings and a watch.
- Tongue, eye and nose studs or rings are not permitted.
- Necklaces, including those with religious symbols, may be worn discreetly.
- Students' nails are to remain natural and of an appropriate, professional length.
- No false eyelashes are allowed.
- Students will be asked to remove any prohibited items.

***Please note:*** Students who wear subject-specific clothing (such as sportswear or blacks) are asked to bring a change of clothing in for that purpose. When outside that lesson, usual business dress must be worn, including at arrival to and departure from the academy.

If students need their uniform modified for a medical reason (ie trainers), this will be subject to approval. Dresscode passes will be issued temporarily and evidence may be required. If students are granted a trainer pass for a period of more than two weeks, these must be black with no obvious logos.

If any member of staff feels that an element of a student's appearance is inappropriate, we reserve the right to address the matter. Please see the Behaviour Policy for more information on sanctions regarding dress-code.