West Kirby Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day and Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on **Thursday 12 November 2026, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm**, and we hope you will be able to attend. The evening will provide an opportunity to hear from the Headteacher, visit subject areas and speak to our students about the opportunities available in our Sixth Form. If you have not already booked your place, please register via Sixth Form Open Evening Booking Form.

Ahead of the Open Evening, all Year 11 students will take part in their second Sixth Form Taster Day, which will also take place on Thursday 12 November. The aim of the day is to give students a further insight into Sixth Form life at WKGS, including the opportunity to meet current Sixth Form students, experience the facilities available exclusively to Sixth Formers and try out four different subjects. Students will also be introduced to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

To make the experience as realistic as possible, students should wear the current Sixth Form dress code (attached). They will also be permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime. If you are happy for your child/ward to go off site during the lunch break, please complete the short form below:
Sixth Form Taster day - Thursday 12th November 2026 – Fill in form

We very much hope that our Year 11 students will choose to continue their education with us in the Sixth Form. However, we recognise the importance of making the right decision for each individual student and are committed to supporting them throughout this process. Alongside the Taster Day and Open Evening, every student will have an individual advice and guidance meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team before the Open Evening, followed by a further meeting after the mock examinations.

We look forward to supporting our Year 11 students as they explore their post-16 options and consider the opportunities available to them.

Yours sincerely

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WKGS Sixth Form Dress Code

The Sixth Form is a more adult part of the school community, where students are given greater independence and responsibility, including how they choose to present themselves. Students are encouraged to express their identity and personal style whilst maintaining a smart and respectful environment for learning and preparation for life beyond school.

What works well

Students should aim for a smart, well-presented style of dress, similar to what would be appropriate in many workplaces or universities.

This might include items such as:

- Trousers/bottoms, skirts or dresses
- shirts, blouses or smart tops
- knitwear or smart casual clothing

Smart trainers or other suitable footwear are permitted, provided they are clean and appropriate for school.

Clothing should be neat, comfortable and suitable for a day of learning in school, and not overly casual or revealing.

Students must wear their lanyard at all times while on site.

Students studying practical subjects such as Art, Design Technology or Science should ensure their clothing and footwear meet health and safety requirements. Staff will advise where needed.

What doesn't work

Clothing that would normally be considered sportswear, beachwear or very casual leisurewear is not appropriate during the school day. This includes items such as:

- leggings, jeans, hoodies, sports or gym wear (unless required for a specific activity)
- flip flops, crocs or beach-style footwear
- Very oversized, ripped items of clothing
- clothing with offensive language or inappropriate graphics
- clothing with large or prominent brand logos must be avoided so that no student feels pressure to wear particular brands or labels

Representing WKGS at formal events

When representing the school at events such as Open Evenings, interviews or official photographs, students may be asked to wear more formal clothes – usually black and white.

A helpful guide

A useful question when choosing what to wear is:

"Would this be appropriate to wear to a part-time job, workplace or interview?"

If the answer is no, it is unlikely to be suitable for school.

Students are trusted to make sensible choices about their appearance. If a member of staff feels that clothing is not appropriate for school, they will discuss this with the student and ask them to make an alternative choice.

The final decision on whether clothing is appropriate rests with the Sixth Form team