

Dress Code – Rhetoric

These uniform regulations apply to all pupils in Rhetoric at St Edmund’s College, and outline a dress code that is best described as ‘traditional business attire’. Rhetoricians are expected to set an impeccable standard of dress at all times. Please note that suits are not available from the College retail specialist, Stevensons.

| | Rhetoricians may wear: | |
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| | <u>Trouser suit uniform:</u> | <u>Dress or skirt suit uniform:</u> |
| SUIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, navy or grey plain or subtly patterned trouser suit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blazers must be worn whilst walking around the College. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, navy or grey plain or subtly patterned skirt suit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suits must be cut from a suit material: wool or wool mix. - Skirt length should be no higher than 5cm above the knee. - Where skirts have a split at the rear, this must go no higher than halfway up the thigh. Splits at the side or front of skirts are not permitted. - Boot-cut, semi-wide leg and straight trouser styles are permitted; wide flares and wide leg trouser styles are not. - Stretchy jersey or body-con materials are not permitted for any part of the outfit. - A suit dress may also be worn: this must be wool or wool mix. |
| SHIRT / BLOUSE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or pale-coloured collared shirt or blouse, worn with House tie or badge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any pattern or decoration to tops must be subtle: faint pin stripes are permitted; large designer logos, bright or elaborate patterns are not allowed. | |
| PULLOVER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A round or V-necked pullover may be worn; ties must be visible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional roll-neck or turtle-neck jumpers are permitted. - Pullovers must be fine-knit. - Hoodies or sweatshirts are not permitted. | |
| SHOES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or brown shoes, made of leather or faux leather. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain, dark-coloured socks must be worn. - Shoes must be a formal design such as a Court, Mary-Jane, Oxford or Brogue. - They must have a closed toe and have heels no higher than 5cm. - Boots, moccasins, canvas, plimsoll, or trainer-style shoes are not permitted. - Chunky, rugged soles are not considered to be formal. | |
| COSMETICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightly applied neutral/natural cosmetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy make-up is not permitted. | |
| HAIR & GROOMING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be well-groomed and neatly presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extremely short ‘buzz cuts’ and shaved-in patterns are not permitted. - Hair beyond shoulder length must be tied up when in Sports kit or if undertaking practical activities such as scientific experiments. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hair should be of a natural colour. - Facial hair or stubble is not allowed; students must be clean shaven. |
| COAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black, navy or grey overcoat or raincoat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coats must be removed when in the school building - Coats are not a replacement for a suit blazer. - Puffer and sports fashion jackets are not permitted. |
| JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the following jewellery is permitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One pair of plain silver or gold stud or small hoop earrings (one per ear). - One fine silver or gold chain necklace with a pendant. - One plain band ring. - Facial piercings are not permitted and must be removed. |
| NAILS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nail polish should be neutral or pastel colours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very bright or dark colours are not permitted. - Nails, including false acrylic/gel nails, must be practical and short. - Rhetoricians with long nails will be asked to cut these back. |