



## **BCA Student Dress and Appearance**

The British College of Andorra is a professional, culturally diverse but fully inclusive community, focussed on teaching and learning. We strive to create a climate where the cultural and personal values of individuals are respected. The primary responsibility for student attire rests with the student themselves and their parents/guardians. As a school community, BCA establishes guidelines including how to dress appropriately for school.

Personal appearance makes an important contribution to creating an optimal learning environment. Therefore, some types of clothing or adornment that may otherwise be suitable for recreational wear may not be suitable for school. Additionally, the school has a responsibility to ensure that clothing choices reflect inter-cultural respect and sensitivity and do not violate health and/or safety regulations.

Our norms for students are:

### Clothing and footwear (ALL YEAR GROUPS)

- BCA school uniform is worn (see dress code for Year 12 and 13, below)
- Shoes are dark, ideally black, in colour, in good condition
- On PE/sports days, wear the BCA PE kit, and any sports shoes; the school hoodie should only be worn on days when students have PE
- Winter boots should be plain and designed for use in snow and rain.
- Winter jackets should be practical and preferably plain and dark in colour.
- Caps or hats may not be worn indoors, unless required for medical, cultural or religious reasons.

### Appearance

- Only simple jewellery, accessories and belts, including religious jewellery, are allowed.
- Piercings. Permitted in ears but should only be simple stud piercings.

- Hair dye. In Primary, hair should not be dyed. In Secondary, hair dye of a natural colour is permitted.
- Makeup. In Primary, students should not wear makeup. In Secondary, minimal makeup is allowed.
- Nail polish. In Primary, students should not wear nail polish. In Secondary, transparent or skin tone is permitted.

### Year 12 and 13

Students are expected to dress for a working, 'business' environment, but taking into account the school's mountainous environment.

Compulsory items during the school day ('dress code')

- Business style jacket (not denim, leather, zipped, cardigan or bomber style jackets with badges, slogans or large logos) AND/OR smart jumper/cardigan AND/OR smart coat. The business jacket need not be worn in warm weather. All students should have access to a jacket for formal occasions.
- Smart tailored trousers or chinos/knee length tailored skirt (skirts should be worn with tights, not bare legs). Trousers must not be ripped, frayed or faded.
- Collared shirt or blouse- plain colour
- Smart shoes (in good weather) or boots in good condition. All with suitable soles.

Alternatively, wearing the BCA School Uniform is perfectly acceptable

### Other points

Students may be asked to wear specific clothing and footwear or remove certain accessories to fully and safely participate in instruction involving physical activity or the use of certain equipment.

Our aim is to have as few thoughts and conversations about dress as possible, and to prevent concerns about student attire from being addressed as a disciplinary matter.

On approved non-uniform days, students may dress as they wish, but not inappropriately. Inappropriate dress includes:

- clothing or items of jewellery that display language or images which are deemed derogatory or insensitive to individuals or groups.
- clothing or items of jewellery which display language or images which depict alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, profanity or sexual innuendo.

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