

Dress Code

Task 1 Introduction.

Your teacher is going to show you some pictures of people. Make a note of any new vocabulary you need to describe the people.

New vocabulary

Task 2 Dress code UK: True or false?

Read the sentences about Britain and decide if they are true or false.

- 1) Most British students don't wear school uniform.
- 2) A shopping centre in the UK recently banned hoods and baseball caps.
- 3) Some schools specify the length of hair and the styles that are allowed.
- 4) You can wear any types of shoe with a school uniform.

Task 3 Message board: Have your say

Do you think it's fair to ban young people wearing hoods and baseball caps from shopping centres?

Aisha, age 12, London.

"I think it's stupid to ban hoods and caps. People should be allowed to wear what they want. Clothes are part of your personality."

Lily, age 13, Leicester.

"I agree with this ban completely. Where I live there is a lot of crime and gangs wearing hoods and caps are really scary. If I am on my own and have to walk past a group of hoodies I get scared."

Jade, age 15, Penarth.

"There are so many rules against teenagers. I think adults should let us have some freedom to choose what we wear and what we do. There's nothing wrong with hoods and caps, it's just the fashion at the moment."

Charlie, age 14, Yorkshire.

"My friends and I get scared when we see gangs of hoodies in the street. Also if they do commit crime it's hard to catch them on the CCTV because you can't see their faces. I think they should be banned."

Katie, age 16, Glasgow.

"Just because you wear a hood or a cap doesn't mean you're a criminal. Adults don't understand teenagers. Don't the police have more important things to do than look for people who are wearing hoods? Respect for us teenagers, please!"

- Who do you agree with?
- Do you think the rule is a good idea?
- Are there any rules like this in your country?

Task 4 Dress code – what to wear where?

What do you think you should wear on these occasions? How formal do you think you should dress? Talk to your group and decide on what you should wear to each event.

A friend's party	A job interview	Shopping with friends
A relative's wedding	A prize giving	The theatre

Task 5 Role play

A - Shopping centre manager: You are the manager of a shopping centre. You have problems with groups of young people wearing hoods. You believe they are a security problem and they scare some of your customers. You have decided to ban hoods from the centre. You find a group of hoodies in the centre and go to talk to them and explain why they are not allowed in the shopping centre. Good luck!

B - Hoodie: You and your friends go to the shopping centre in your favourite clothes, all wearing hooded tops. You believe that everyone has the right to wear what they want. You have never caused trouble, you just like the fashion of hoodies. You meet the manager!

Task 6 Dress code statements

Everyone should be allowed to wear exactly what they want.

School uniform is a good idea.

Nobody should have to wear a uniform at school or work.

People should be free to choose their own hairstyle.

Image is very important.

Tattoos are a good way to express your personality.