JSCSC & Officers' Mess Dress Code

When and where do dress standards apply?

General guidance

The Cormorant Hall Building is both an Officers' Mess and place of work. Dress standards should reflect the professional working environment of the JSCSC during working hours.

JSCSC Forum

The Forum is a nexus for JSCSC and Defence Academy visits and activities. Headwear should be removed. Members are asked to exercise common sense when in, or crossing, the Forum when not in Standard Dress: if in doubt, members should use the 1st floor balcony to cross the Forum between the Accommodation and Teaching wings, using the stair wells in the wing corridors accessed immediately before the Forum doors. Calls using mobile phones are not to be made in the Forum.

Temporary changes to standard dress code

Due to the hybrid purpose of the building and the unique nature of JSCSC activity, the PMC and JSCSC senior leadership may temporarily apply additional or alternative dress codes: these occasions will be notified in advance to Mess and Course Members via noticeboards and/or internal communications. Note: fancy dress for authorised social events must be approved in advance by the PMC or their deputy.

Standard Working Dress (Civilian)

Includes skirts, dresses, blouses or tops, trousers, chinos, and corduroys, with open-neck shirts, ringneck, V-neck, and guarter-zip jumpers, sports jackets and blazers. It is acceptable to accessorise with ties, simple jewellery, scarves, and belts. Shoes can include formal, flats, leather/suede loafers, boots, or heels. Sportswear, hoodies, or flip-flops are not allowed.

Standard Working Dress (Uniform)

UK military members should wear their authorised daily working dress. International military members should wear the equivalent of their UK service personnel counterparts.

JSCSC Forum including the Officers' Mess

The Officers' Mess includes the following rooms:

- Victory Dining Room.
- Henderson Bar and Anteroom.
- Dickson, Slim, Collingwood, Ramslade, Trenchard, Howard, and Fieldhouse.

Weekdays: Mon-Thu 0700-1930 and Fri 0700-1700

Standard Working Dress (Civilian and Uniform).

Evenings: Mon-Thu 1930-0700

As per Standard Working Dress (Civilian) plus the addition of polo-shirts and well-presented jeans.

No Uniform should be worn in public rooms other than by Duty Personnel or for authorised functions.

Weekend: Fri 1700 – Sun 2359

As per Evenings plus the addition of T-shirts (no inappropriate logos or text), and tailored shorts. Shoes may include lifestyle sneakers (eq ConverseTM).

Officers' Mess Accommodation Wing

Main corridor, gym, bedrooms and utility rooms: Dress at own discretion. Cormorant Bar: as per Weekend plus clean, well-presented sportswear.

JSCSC Teaching Wing

Weekday 0700-1930 - Standard Dress. Weekday 1930-0700 & Weekend Fri 1700 - Sun 2359 - as per Weekend. Sportswear may be worn in the Teaching Wing when commuting to/from work.