

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 - 1hour performance and 30minute workshop of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'.**

We have managed to reserve tickets to watch a one-hour performance of William Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' and partake in a thirty-minute workshop **in school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

Who will be performing?

Box Clever is an award-winning, writer-led, London theatre company dedicated to the creation of contemporary theatre for young people. For over twenty years, Box Clever has reached thousands of young people across the UK and beyond with artistic productions and workshops that are imaginative, exciting, inspiring and which engage young audiences fully. Their mission is to bring exciting theatre to young people – the audiences of the future- and to involve them in plays, both as audience members, participants and co-creators. They aim to bring vividly to life, through theatre, their world and issues that are completely relevant to them, whether it's safety on the roads, relationships, bullying or subjects related to their education.

Why is watching this performance and partaking in the workshop so important?

- Enriches and extends pupils' understanding of the play of *Macbeth*, which they will be assessed against in their English GCSE Literature examinations this summer of 2022 and in the summers of 2023/2024 respectively.
- It will be a very valuable way to revise the play, its key messages, characters, ideas, emotions and quotations, all of which pupils will need to analyse in their assessments.
- Pupils will be able to hear Shakespeare's words spoken on stage, observe how characters interact with one another and see how the themes are developed through the design of the set, the director's concept of the play, the props and the music.
- The audiences may have changed, but the characters Shakespeare created and the themes he explored in his plays are as relevant to 21st century audiences as they were to the Elizabethans.
- Shakespeare has to be one of the most challenging writers that students will encounter as part of their English course, so anything that can make the text more accessible, understandable and enjoyable for pupils, which seeing a play performed does, should be a vital part of their studies and to enhance cultural capital.

Cost

The cost of the performance and workshop will be **£8.00** including coach hire and tickets. This is a voluntary activity undertaken with the permission of the school governors which, under the terms of the new Education Act, we must make plain is additional to the curriculum. We can, however, only afford to run this trip if it is funded by voluntary contributions from parents and we are asking you to contribute £8.00 to cover the costs. Assistance may be provided for any family in receipt of Family Income Support. **If the voluntary contributions do not cover the cost of the trip it may have to be cancelled.**

Reply slip

If you would like your son/daughter to watch this performance and partake in the workshop, please complete, sign and return the slip to Ms Gabriel or I **NO LATER THAN Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.** Payment for the trip can be paid directly to Parent Pay. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office who will be able to provide your child with a barcode to enable you to pay at a Pay Point store.

**It is hoped all Year 9, 10 and 11 will be able to attend.** Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any one of the English team.

Yours faithfully,

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**REPLY SLIP:**

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Pupil Name (full name) ..... Form .....

I give permission for my child to watch the performance and participate in the workshop.

I have paid **£8.00** online via Parent-Pay.

**Signature of Parent/Carer:** ..... **Date:** .....

Please tick box and sign below if you give **photo consent** of your child during the performance and workshop.  
(Some photos will feature on social media and the school newsletter.)

**Signature of Parent/Carer:** ..... **Date:** .....