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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 - Young Shakespeare Company

The Young Shakespeare Company are visiting the school on Thursday 12 March 2020 to deliver a workshop performance of *Macbeth* to the whole of Year 10. Young Shakespeare Company actors will perform Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy in a fast-moving, fully-costumed, interactive production. The play is brought vividly to life around and among the students, at times including the whole audience to create dramatic scenes.

The performance will provide students with an immersive Shakespeare experience which will help reinforce some of the dramatic devices, language and themes that they have already explored in their recent English Literature unit on the play. Of course, it is also an opportunity for the students to simply enjoy the play in performance.

The experience of working alongside practising artists is above and beyond the normal experience the students would have in the classroom or even at the theatre and this experience will extend and enrich their curriculum, as well as helping them to prepare for their GCSE English Literature examination on the text.

All Year 10 students are studying the play and to help cover some of the cost of the performance and the actors' fees, we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £6.50 towards this which is payable through ParentPay. Please use the following link to ParentPay <u>https://www.parentpay.com/</u>. If you have any queries relating to ParentPay please email <u>ParentPay@maidenerleghschool.co.uk</u>. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns regarding the financial contribution of this trip. We may be able to provide financial assistance for those students who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding. The deadline for this payment is Monday 2 March 2020.

Students will wear full school uniform during the session.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Ms K Terry Head of KS4 English