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Dear Parent/Guardian

“Something wicked this way comes”

Year 10 English – Visiting Workshop Performance of Macbeth

The Globe Players are visiting the school on Thursday 7 March 2024 to deliver a workshop performance of *Macbeth* to the whole of Year 10. *Macbeth* is a play of contrasts: good/evil, light/darkness, thought/action, witchcraft/divinity, appearance/reality. These contrasts are examined in this production, in which we follow Macbeth’s inexorable decline as he treads, in the Porter’s words, “the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire”. A fascinating examination of the main themes of Shakespeare’s darkest play.

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.

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 £6.00 towards this which is payable through ParentPay. Please use the following link to ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/>. If you have any queries relating to ParentPay please email ParentPay@maidenerleghschool.co.uk. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium, and you feel that you may need assistance meeting the cost, please contact me via the school office (mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) and we will see if there is any way we can support. Each trip is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and decisions around the support we can offer is dependent on a range of factors. **The deadline for this payment is 1 February 2024.** Please note that if there are insufficient contributions to cover the cost of this activity, there may be no alternative but to cancel.

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

