

May 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As I am sure you are aware, your son has recently been studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' as one of his GCSE set texts for English Literature.

In order to further develop your son's understanding of the play, as well as to deepen his understanding of how a play is staged, we would like to invite him to see a performance of **'Macbeth' by the Royal Shakespeare Company** on **Monday 2nd July, 2018**. This is a unique opportunity for your son to watch a performance of the play in a travelling version of Shakespeare's Rose Theatre, a thirteen sided traditional Elizabethan theatre.

The play starts at 11am in York and as such, we will need to set off early from school to avoid traffic and ensure a timely arrival. Therefore, your son will need to be dropped off at school in preparation for a **7.30am departure**.

The performance is due to finish at approximately 1.30pm, at which point we will return to school. Our expected **arrival time back into school is 4.30pm** but should this time vary, the boys will be able to contact you directly to arrange pick up details or alternative means of transport.

Students should wear their school uniform for the trip. A packed lunch will be provided for them but they are also encouraged to bring along any additional snacks or drinks they might require for the day. There may also be opportunities to purchase refreshments at the theatre itself.

The total cost of the trip is £20.00. This includes a ticket for the performance, as well as transportation to and from the venue. This fee is payable in a number of ways:

- Cash/cheque payments directly to Miss Shanley (cheques should be made payable to Merchant Taylors' School)
- Through contacting the finance department to pay by card on either 0151 949-9356 or 0151 949-9329
- Via Bank transfer to A/C No: 50840068 sort Code: 20-10-92 Ref(B0604EN/pupil surname)

Please also complete the returns slip below and return to Miss Shanley.

More details about the venue and the performance are available at: www.shakespeareosetheatre.com

Kind regards,

Miss C Shanley
Head of English

Return reply slip to Miss Shanley in English Department.

I give permission for my son (Pupil Name) _____ Form _____

to attend the visit to York to watch Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' on Monday 2nd July, 2018.

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Date: _____