



## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Year 11 students

### **Macbeth Workshop Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The English Department is excited to be able to announce that we have booked the Ruffians Theatre group to deliver a workshop on key scenes from the Shakespeare's tragedy 'Macbeth', here at The Stonehenge School on Monday 19th March in the Lower School Hall.

Not only is this play considered an important part of the English literary canon, but it also happens to be a core Key Stage 4 exam text for students here at The Stonehenge School. In their GCSE English Literature exam this summer, Year 11 students will have to answer an essay question on 'Macbeth', where they will have to analyse an extract from the play and demonstrate understanding of the way Shakespeare uses language and structure to shape meaning. The actors in the workshop will deliver an 'interactive lecture', where they will explore aspects of language and structure, then offer tips for learning quotations, before demonstrating how the same scene(s) can be performed in very different ways.

The school budget cannot fund the whole cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a payment of £5.00 per child to cover the cost of this performance-workshop. If you're interested in your child participating, the fee needs to be paid on Parent Pay. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of £3. No child will be denied the chance of taking part regardless of any contribution made, but if voluntary contributions do not meet the full costs, it will not be possible to run the event. We regret that refunds cannot be made unless the visit is cancelled by the School. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to enquire before making payment. By using ParentPay to pay for this workshop you automatically give consent for your child to attend, therefore we have not included a reply or consent slip with this letter. As I am sure you can appreciate, there is a tight turn-around time, so prompt payment by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** is essential.

This really is a fantastic opportunity for students to see scenes from an important pre-20th century text brought to life and re-interpreted by a small group of professional actors.

Yours sincerely

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