



1st November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 GCSE English visit to see *Macbeth*, Mayflower Theatre, Southampton
Thursday 28th February 2019

We have arranged to see a matinee performance of *Macbeth* at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. From the creators of *War Horse* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, National Theatre is taking this epic and visually daring production of Shakespeare's most intense tragedy on tour, immediately following a sold out run in London. *Macbeth* is the play we are studying as part of our English course and we feel the opportunity to see the play live will be immensely beneficial to students.

"Directed by National Theatre Artistic Director Rufus Norris (Cabaret, London Road) and designed by Rae Smith (War Horse, This House) this new production propels Shakespeare's classic title into a post-apocalyptic world of anarchy and uncertainty. Scottish actor Michael Nardone (BBC One's The Night Manager and Rellik, HBO's Rome) will play the title role, with Kirsty Besterman (Genesis Inc. at Hampstead Theatre, They Drink It in The Congo at the Almeida Theatre, and BBC One's Father Brown) joining the cast as Lady Macbeth.

We will be leaving school mid-morning and returning to school at approximately 6pm, at which time students should be collected or given permission to make their own way home (please tick box on Wisepay). Students should wear smart school uniform and bring a packed lunch and drinks, which we will have before we depart. If your child is entitled to free school meals then please ask them to use their allowance at breaktime.

The cost of the visit will be £24.00 including ticket, travel by coach and insurance. If your child would like to take part in this visit please pay online using Wisepay. If you have lost your log-in please contact the school office.

As we already have Global Consent from you, you do not need to complete a separate permission slip.

As you will note, this production is not happening until the end of February. However, we do need to ask you to **secure your child's place by the 14th December 2018**. After this date, any remaining spaces will be offered to Year 10 students on a first come first served basis.

If any student wishes to take part, but current circumstances make it difficult to meet the charge, please email me cdavies@chathigh.co.uk, in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement.

Students not taking part in this visit will take part in an in-school activity.

Kind regards

C Davies

Mrs C Davies

Teacher of English

