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Dear Parents/Guardians

Young Shakespeare Company Production of 'Macbeth' - Thursday 6 April 2017

I am very pleased to tell you that we have arranged the YSC to visit BWS on the above date to give two morning performances of Macbeth in the BWS Sports Hall.

YSC is a touring company which specialises in very lively, shortened versions of the major plays. The productions are especially suited to young people, but adults also thoroughly enjoy these 90minute, punchy, narrative-driven productions. In the last three years our similar touring productions of Henry V, A Comedy of Errors and A Midsummer Night's Dream have been greatly enjoyed by the boys; the added advantage this year is that Macbeth is a course text at Bishop's for all boys in Years 10 and 11. The shows are usually followed by a talk out by the cast which allows members of the audience (young and old) to ask the actors about both the play and their approach to performing Shakespeare and acting more generally.

There will be a small charge of £6 per head for each boy in Year 10 and 11 to help us cover the costs of having the theatre company perform a bespoke play at BWS. This is a voluntary contribution and your son will not be prevented from seeing the performance if no payment is made, but obviously if insufficient funds are received the performance will not go ahead. I would therefore be grateful if you could make the necessary payment by Friday 10 March, online via <u>www.scopay.com</u>.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood Head Master