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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Young Shakespeare Company - Romeo and Juliet - Year 9 – 21 March 2018

The English Department has been successful in securing the Young Shakespeare Company to come to school to discuss and give an interactive performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, which, as you know, your son is studying this year.

Five Young Shakespeare Company actors perform Shakespeare's heartbreaking story of 'star-crossed love' in a fast-moving, fully-costumed interactive production. The play is brought vividly to life around and among the students, at times including the whole audience to create such dramatic scenes as the masked ball at which Romeo and Juliet meet and the street fight in which Mercutio and Tybalt are both killed.

Throughout the performance the boys become actively involved in the play through a carefully structured range of drama and language activities. They are encouraged to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the characters, imagining, for example, how Juliet feels as she takes the sleeping potion from which she may never wake up. Volunteers from among the boys are also chosen to become individual characters in the story and all boys will have the opportunity to speak and enjoy Shakespeare's words in short, accessible sections.

There will be a small charge of £6 per head for each boy in Year 9 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 the deadline of Thursday 8 February.

Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment of the deposit should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

Deadline for payment: Thursday 8 February 2018

Please pay online: Via www.scopay.com. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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