



2nd March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

‘Macbeth’ at the Tobacco Factory Theatre, Bristol - Thursday 19th March 2026

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured tickets to watch a performance of Shakespeare’s ‘Macbeth’ at the Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bristol. This is a great opportunity for students to see one of their English Literature set texts brought to life, and it should provide fresh insights as they review their feedback from their mock exams. The Tobacco Factory describes the play as follows:

Shakespeare’s Macbeth is a ruthless exploration of ambition, power, and the cost of forsaking the greater good. When Macbeth hears a prophecy that he is destined to rule, his desire for power overrides loyalty, love, and reason. Together with Lady Macbeth, he steps over the threshold of conscience – and into a world where guilt festers, trust is shattered, and violence begets violence.

This is the story of a man who betrays his own moral compass in pursuit of status – and finds that once ambition replaces love, there is no way back. Set against a backdrop of political turmoil and supernatural dread, Macbeth speaks urgently to our own times: when individualism triumphs over community, the consequences are irreversible.

Please be aware that this play contains several violent and distressing scenes and references, including murder, self-harm, suicide and infanticide. This production also features sudden loud noises, stage fighting, stage blood, haze and flashing lights.

Students will need to wear full school uniform with a coat and bring a packed lunch. For students in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them. Students might like to bring a small amount of money for a theatre programme or refreshments during interval. However, they will not be allowed to eat during the performance. Students will be leaving school by coach at 10.30am for the matinee performance and returning at 5pm so you will need to make arrangements to collect them.

Please note that students will need their books and equipment for period 1 as normal.

The cost of this trip will be £23.00, places are limited as we only have 60 tickets and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits the cost of the trip will be met by the Academy (please contact Helen Martin):-

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



The deadline for payment is **Wednesday 11th March** and payment should be made through Arbor. You will find this in the Activities / Trips section of Arbor. By making payment through Arbor, you are giving consent for your child to take part in this trip and confirming you are happy with the activities and arrangements as outlined in this letter.

Please ensure any necessary updates to your child's medical and emergency contact information are made directly on Arbor at least five school days before the trip. Through the 'Profile' screen on Arbor, phone numbers can be updated in the 'Family, Guardians & Contacts' section, and medical info can be updated in the 'Medical' section. Should you have any queries please contact Helen Martin in Finance - hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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