



# St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an amazing opportunity that we have been given by the RSC in Stratford. This coming term, the year 10 Drama GCSE group will be collaborating with the creative team at the RSC and devising a performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' as part of the RSC's Playmaking Festival.

The Playmaking Festival is taking place all over the country with many schools and colleges and in many local theatres. However as we live so close to Stratford, it is a real privilege for us to be able to work with the RSC directors and creative teams as well as perform on their prestigious stage with their technical crews and lighting teams.

As part of the Festival, we will have one of the RSC directors assigned to work with us through the project and they will come into school to work with the students on 3 separate days. They will work with the group in exactly the same way that they would work with a professional company of actors: with the same respect of creative ideas; the same expectations of high standards of work and preparation and the understanding of the need for close collaboration and reliability that they would have from professional actors.

The final outcome of the project is that we will perform our play, which will last up to 30 minutes, on the stage at The Other Place, in the early evening of **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. This performance will be open to the public (including family and friends) with a small cost for tickets.

In order to pay for the cost of the project, (the RSC ask for a contribution of £250 for their costs) I am asking for a contribution of **£10.00** from each student. Also, as this is a public performance where we are representing the school, and as we will be working alongside professional experts from the RSC, I am asking that each student and their parent, **discuss and sign** the attached 'contract'/agreement. This will need to be returned, completed, to school **before the end of this term**.

For those who are unable to pay the £10.00 or make a contribution towards the costs, this will not exclude your child from joining this project. Please call Mrs Whitehouse in the finance office in full confidence if you need to discuss this further.

This project will directly be of help to each student's GCSE work in year 11. As part of their exam work in year 11, each student has to perform either, a monologue, duologue or small group scene to an examiner. They will choose their scene from the work they have done as part of this project on The Tempest.

Finally, I am very excited about the Festival and am really looking forward to the work beginning after Easter. It is a fantastic opportunity for all of us and although the work will be demanding, it promises to be both exciting and fulfilling.

Please contact me if you have any further questions about the Festival.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Taylor Jones (Head of Drama)



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## Home/School Agreement

### RSC Festival Project – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

I will co-operate with my teacher and the RSC staff throughout the project. \_\_\_\_

I will commit to attending rehearsals as needed. \_\_\_\_

I will learn all my lines in plenty of time. \_\_\_\_

I will contribute ideas to the group. \_\_\_\_

I will remain positive and be encouraging to others. \_\_\_\_

I will respect others' ideas and opinions. \_\_\_\_

I will act professionally and to the best of my ability at all times. \_\_\_\_

I will be an ambassador for myself, my family and my school. \_\_\_\_

I will be available on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon and evening. \_\_\_\_

[please tick each statement]

We have read and ticked all the above statements to show that we understand and agree with each statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please take all payments to Mrs Whitehouse in the Finance Office )*



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