



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the GCSE English Literature curriculum, your child has studied 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and one Shakespeare play (either Romeo and Juliet/Macbeth). This text contributes to 40% of the overall mark and ideally needs to be seen as a performance for students to gain a full understanding of characters, plot and themes. Therefore, we have arranged for an external theatre company, Manactco, to come into school to perform their set texts for the examination. They will be performing an abridged version of 'A Christmas Carol' which will be presented in the hall and followed by a thirty-minute workshop. Students will be given the opportunity to talk to the actors about the text in terms of relevant themes and characterisation as well as background on the context to the play.

The performances will offer students a valuable revision tool and enhance their knowledge of the texts. Furthermore, seeing a theatrical performance is also an enjoyable experience in itself which adds to their cultural enrichment as well as boosting their academic understanding of the text in performance.

To assist with meeting the costs of the performance, we are requesting a payment of £12.00 per student. Please make payment on 'School Money' by following the link in the text message sent to the primary contact held on our system by Friday 6 December 2019.

If there are any queries regarding this event or examination details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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