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Dear Parents,

I do hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the new term with the routine it provides.

I am delighted to be writing to inform you that we are planning to host a series of recorded performances of recent National Theatre productions in our own fully equipped theatre. Performances are open to all students and their family members, please do adhere to age guidance when booking your seats.

There will be no charge for the theatre ticket but an arrival refreshment will be available to provide a real theatre experience with a payment of £3.00 being made to cover these costs.

DATE	START	END	AGE RESTRICTION	PRODUCTION
Wednesday 23 October	17.30	19.45	12+	<b>MACBETH</b> Sleep no more...The ruined aftermath of a bloody civil war. Ruthlessly fighting to survive, the Macbeths are propelled towards the crown by forces of elemental darkness. Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy is directed by Rufus Norris. Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.
Wednesday 4 December	17.30	19.45	12+	<b>HEX</b> Deep in the wood, a lonely fairy longs for someone to bless.  When she is summoned to the palace to help the princess sleep, her dream turns

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				<p>into a nightmare and her blessing becomes a curse. Soon, she is plunged into a frantic, hundred-year quest to somehow make everything right.</p> <p>Rufus Norris directs this vividly original retelling of the <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> fairy tale with music by Jim Fortune, book by Tanya Ronder, designs by Katrina Lindsay and choreography by Jade Hackett.</p>
Wednesday 13 February	17.30	19.30	14+	<p><b>A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE</b>              In Brooklyn, longshoreman Eddie Carbone welcomes his Sicilian cousins to the land of freedom. But when one of them falls for his beautiful niece, they discover that freedom comes at a price. Eddie's jealous mistrust exposes a deep, unspeakable secret – one that drives him to commit the ultimate betrayal.</p> <p>The visionary Ivo van Hove directs this stunning production of Arthur Miller's tragic masterpiece about the American dream.</p>
Wednesday 2 April	17.30	20.10	10+	<p><b>WUTHERING HEIGHTS</b>              The epic story of love, revenge and</p>

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				<p>redemption. Rescued from the Liverpool docks as a child, Heathcliff is adopted by the Earnshaws and taken to live at Wuthering Heights. In their daughter Catherine, Heathcliff finds a kindred spirit and a fierce love ignites. But, when forced apart, a brutal chain of events is unleashed. Shot through with music and dance, Emma Rice (<i>Bagdad Cafe, Wise Children, Brief Encounter</i>) transforms Emily Brontë's masterpiece into a passionate, powerful and uniquely theatrical experience.</p>
<p>Wednesday 21                  May</p>	<p>17.30</p>	<p>20.00</p>	<p>12+</p>	<p><b>THE GREAT WAVE</b>                  On a Japanese beach, teenage sisters Hanako and Reiko are caught up in a storm. Reiko survives while Hanako is lost to the sea. Their mother, however, can't shake the feeling her missing daughter is still alive, and soon family tragedy takes on a global political dimension. Set in Japan and North Korea, Francis Turnly's epic new thriller <i>The Great Wave</i> is directed by Indhu Rubasingham in a co-production with the Kiln Theatre.</p>

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Wednesday 16 July	17.30	19.30	15+	<b>FRANKENSTEIN</b> Childlike in his innocence but grotesque in form, Frankenstein's bewildered Creature is cast out into a hostile universe by his horror-struck maker. Meeting with cruelty wherever he goes, the friendless Creature, increasingly desperate and vengeful, determines to track down his creator and strike a terrifying deal. Urgent concerns of scientific responsibility, parental neglect, cognitive development and the nature of good and evil are embedded within this thrilling and deeply disturbing classic gothic tale. The production was a sell-out hit at the National Theatre in 2011, and the broadcast has since become an international sensation, experienced by almost half a million people in cinemas around the world. Jonny Lee Miller plays Victor Frankenstein and Benedict Cumberbatch his creation in this performance of Danny Boyle's smash-hit production of Frankenstein.
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Payment and booking for these events can be made via PARENTPAY. **Bookings will close one week prior to each performance.**

It is our hope that the majority of pupils will benefit from this opportunity!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions

Kind regards  
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