



MULLION SCHOOL

A Specialist School
in the
Performing Arts

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Year 7 Shakespeare Day: Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, Year 7 students completed homework projects that term that have focussed on the work of William Shakespeare. These projects have centred on Shakespeare's comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and students have already created some fantastic project work including shoebox sets and writing as part of an inter-house competition.

During English lessons, our students have been experiencing the play through a series of active workshops based on collaborative approaches from the Royal Shakespeare Company. On Friday 5th April, our learning will culminate in Shakespeare Day where Year 7 students will explore more of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, perform excerpts of the play and the competition results will be announced.

We would love for students to wear fancy dress in Shakespeare themed costumes, such as fairies or mechanicals (the workmen) from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; there will be prizes for the most inventive costumes and tutor groups will earn points for participating. In the afternoon, tutor groups will watch the BBC film production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, featuring Maxine Peake, broadcast in 2016 as part of the celebrations to mark the 400 year anniversary of Shakespeare's life. This film carries a PG rating so we request that if you do not wish your child to view this film you contact your child's English teacher to indicate this – otherwise we will assume that you are happy for them to watch this production on the day.

We hope that all of our students can engage in this playful and active approach to Shakespeare and that it will be a memorable start to their studies of the playwright at Mullion.

Yours sincerely,

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