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National Theatre: Jekyll and Hyde

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ken Stimpson Academy are excited to be one of the host schools of the National Theatre's secondary schools tour of Jekyll & Hyde. On Wednesday 7 February 2024 in The Dance Studio (5L47) at 10 am the National Theatre will be performing Evan Placey's reimaging of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale, directed by Kirsty Housley. The Performing Arts Faculty has invited your child to be one of the audience members for this performance.

Before the performance, please can you take time to read the following information from the National Theatre.

This production is suitable for students in Year 9 and above.

In a mash-up of Victorian England and the modern day, the story explores how the repression of female voices was as prevalent in the 19th century as it is today. Centring around two new protagonists – Hattie, Jekyll's widow, and Florence, a young blogger in the 21st century – these new narratives confront the power the internet holds to unleash our own inner Hyde.

Content warnings:

Please be aware that this production explores themes of violence, sexual abuse, misogyny, strong language, and a reference to suicide. There are visual depictions of stabbing, strangling, injections, a gun, and the use of fake blood. There are strobe-like lighting effects and loud sounds.

On pages 38-40 of the Education Pack linked below is a content warning map for the production. The content warning map breaks down the show scene by scene, highlighting the challenging themes in each scene.

Please ensure that your child has watched the student video before the performance:

Student video: <https://vimeo.com/902195458/820c5f8d47?share=copy>

Please be assured that all these themes are handled sensitively within the performance.

We expect a student audience to respond maturely and sensitively to these topics. Should you require further information, about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact [contact teacher details].

Kind regards,



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