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Shakespeare comes to Kingsbury Green

Kingsbury Green Academy welcomed actors from a touring theatre company who performed Macbeth in front of Year 10s and 11s as part of their English studies.

Actors from the Box Clever Theatre Company visited the Academy today (16/04) to perform Macbeth as part of an education programme.

Students from Years 10 and 11 watched the one-hour performance in two separate sessions. It was followed by 30-minute workshops where the students were encouraged, by the actors, to think about the play, its meaning and how it was portrayed on stage.

The play, which was a shortened, modernised version, also starred three students chosen from the audience to recite lines at certain points in the performance.



The actors also interacted with the rest of the student audience during the play, keeping them transfixed for the hour.

Amanda Jazrawy, Director of English, said: "This is part of our English curriculum and is a great way to bring Shakespeare alive and to keep him relevant today.

"With professional actors coming into our school and interacting with the students as part of the play, it really helps them to understand Macbeth – it truly lifts Shakespeare's words off the page.

"It's also good for those studying drama - knowing how to act, just using a few props, in the middle of a school hall. Being able to fire up the imagination of the audience with very little staging is a real skill.

"The work Box Clever do is so valuable for us all."

This Academy is proud to be a part of the Ascend Learning Trust.



One of the students who took part in the play.



Actors Thomas, Munashe and Elliot from Box Clever.