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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 – National Theatre in class screening of *Wonder.land*

As part of their year 9 Drama course, the students are required to experience a live theatrical production; this forms a key part of their study as they will be required to review the show presented.

We're incredibly excited to announce that we have educational access to a range of high quality professional theatrical productions. Of course, given the national situation, the production will be streamed into the classroom and students will have the opportunity to engage with shows from the Royal Shakespeare Company, The Globe and The National Theatre.

The chosen show for year 9 students is a new musical inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland*. '*wonder.land*' is a coming-of-age adventure that explores the blurred boundaries between our online and offline lives. Combining live theatre and digital technology in dazzling new ways, *wonder.land* is brought to life on stage by an extraordinary creative team.

With stunning sets, costumes, video projection and lighting, and a score by Blur's Damon Albarn, this is a musical like no other: an Alice for the online generation.

Synopsis

Aly is struggling with all the pressures of being a teenager: family, school, friends, and her own insecurities. Then she discovers wonder.land: a mysterious online world where, perhaps, she can create a whole new life. The web becomes her looking-glass – but will Aly see who she really is?

The National theatre have given the production an age rating of suitable for audiences aged 9+. The production contains a few moments containing mature language and references to bullying. Of course, within the context of the show these are justified choices which serve to represent the views of the characters within the story. Screening for the show will commence after half term, during lessons and a theatre review will follow the study of the production.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding the screening of this production, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Seager at bseager@marywebbschool.com

Yours sincerely,

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