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This was followed by "Echoes" for Years 8 to 10, a play about cyber-bullying and its consequences. The audience witnessed the stories of two characters, Lilly and Ryan, who live in different places but experience the same personal nightmare. It was a gripping performance, which, despite being held in a sports hall in broad daylight, made even the viewers in the last rows hold their breath at times! As well as the thought-provoking topic, the pupils appreciated the authentic conversations and excellent acting.

The last play of the day brought Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to life for Years 11 and 12. For many pupils this was their first encounter with Shakespearean English, as this modern adaption included many lines from the original classic tragedy. Even though this was quite a challenge for some, the performance was highly entertaining, especially when classmates were turned into witches, traitors and kings on stage! A Shakespearean play is usually part of the English course leading to the Abitur, so this introduction will hopefully inspire the pupils to be curious about his work and life.

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