

# Shakespeare Play Day Costumes

Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you that our students will soon perform short scenes from Shakespeare's plays: The Tempest, Hamlet, King Lear, and Macbeth. To make this event more enjoyable and memorable, students may wear simple costumes that represent their characters.

Please note that costumes should be modest, comfortable, and affordable — there is no need to buy or rent anything expensive. Below are some helpful ideas and guidelines for each character:

## General Guidelines

- Students may wear any simple outfit that matches their character's role.
- Please avoid short dresses or modern flashy clothes.
- Students can use paper crowns, wooden sticks if they can't find real ones.
- Makeup is **not allowed** (mascara, blusher, tint, lipstick, etc.).
- Nail polish is not allowed either.

## Costumes

### ? King Lear and His Three Daughters

- King Lear: a paper or plastic crown, a long robe or **abaya**, and an optional white beard made of cotton.
- Goneril & Regan (the elder daughters): long dresses and scarves.
- Cordelia (the youngest): a simple long dress in a light color. Avoid short dresses — they represent old-fashioned royal style.
- Kent: simple dark trousers and a plain shirt.

### ? The Tempest

- Prospero: long robe and a stick.
- Miranda: long, plain dress.
- Ariel (the spirit): light-colored outfit (white, silver, or light blue) with ribbons or a light scarf to show movement.
- Boatswain & Sailors: jeans or beige trousers, plain shirts or vests, and an optional rope or sailor hat.
- King of Naples & Prince Ferdinand: paper or plastic crown with dark jeans and a white shirt.

☐ **Macbeth**

- Macbeth: plain dark shirt and pants; may bring a toy sword (cardboard or plastic).
- Banquo: plain dark shirt and pants with a belt or scarf as a strap.
- Witches: dark clothing (black or grey), witch hat or stick.
- Ross: plain shirt and dark pants, with a scarf to show he is a messenger; can carry an old-looking letter (aged paper or scroll).

## Hamlet

- Hamlet (the prince): dark pants, white shirt, and optional black cape or belt; may add a black beard.
- Ophelia: long simple dress or skirt; may hold a flower or small book.
- Narrator: dark pants and white shirt.

### Extra Suggestions

- Crowns can be easily made from cardboard and colored foil.
- Swords should be made from cardboard or plastic only.
- Beards can be made from cotton or paper.

We truly appreciate your support in helping our students bring Shakespeare's timeless stories to life in a fun, educational, and creative way.

With gratitude,  
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