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Dear Parents/Carers

'Strangers Like Me'
Written by Ed Harris

Recommended for ages 14+

Friday 17th March 2023 at 7pm, The Chantry School. Tickets: £4

Pupils of The Chantry School are delighted to present to you the performance, 'Strangers Like Me' on **Friday 17th March 2023 at 7pm**. This is a production produced as part of the Connections programme through The National Theatre, London. As part of Connections our pupils will perform to you and a Director from the National and then go on to showcase their work at The Swan Theatre on Monday 3rd April 2023. Then, if chosen there is a possibility that the pupils would be able to tread the boards at The National themselves! I am sure you will agree this an exciting opportunity for the pupils and will be happy to show your support to all of those taking part.

'Strangers Like Me' is a play about grief, a topic so often avoided. Elbow's best friend Hamster has died, suddenly, unexpectedly. So, Elbow is now grieving... right? But what is grieving? How do you do it? And what happens if you get it wrong? On top of which, privately, Elbow is beginning to feel they weren't even as close as everyone makes out. It would be better if everyone just left Elbow alone, mum, dad, his stupid big brother Donut, but especially all those annoying kids at school pretending they really care. Who do they think they are? Come to think of it, who do any of us think we are... deep down? Elbow doesn't know. Elbow just knows there's a strange feeling inside, or the absence of a feeling, or the feeling of horrible, horrible nothingness - which can only be dealt with through anger and the support of his friendships/relationships.

Tickets are £4 each, available from Tuesday 28th February 2023 for our school performance night (Friday 17th March 2023). You can purchase these via School Gateway or through the school office: 01886 887100.

To book tickets for The Swan Theatre on Monday 3rd April 2023 please follow the link below.

<https://worcestertheatres.co.uk/whats-on/nt-connections-2023>

We look forward to seeing you at the performance very soon!

Miss Poulter & Mrs Shwenn-Harrison