**Act 2, Scene 2 – After The Murder (Part 2)**

**Activities:**

1. What is happening in this scene?

2. Shakespeare seems to highlight Macbeth’s weakness here compared to the strength of Lady Macbeth. Highlight words/phrases suggesting Macbeth is weak and explain your choices.

3. The motif of blood is present in this extract. Look at the highlighted section of the extract. What is Macbeth saying here?

4. At the end of the extract, Lady Macbeth compares her hands to her husband’s, saying they are of a similar colour, but what is she saying about his heart?

5. ‘’tis the eye of childhood that fears a painted devil’ – Why does Lady Macbeth refer to childhood here? How does the idea of childhood link to Macbeth’s feelings?

6. Do you think Macbeth shows elements of regret once he has killed Duncan? Explain your ideas using evidence from the text.

**LADY MACBETH**

You do unbend your noble strength, to think
So brainsickly of things. Go get some water,
And wash this filthy witness from your hand.
Why did you bring these daggers from the place?
They must lie there: go carry them; and smear
The sleepy grooms with blood.

**MACBETH**

I'll go no more:
I am afraid to think what I have done;
Look on't again I dare not.

**LADY MACBETH**

Infirm of purpose!
Give me the daggers: the sleeping and the dead
Are but as pictures: 'tis the eye of childhood
That fears a painted devil. If he do bleed,
I'll gild the faces of the grooms withal;
For it must seem their guilt.

INCREASING CHALLENGE

*Exit. Knocking within*

**MACBETH**

Whence is that knocking?
How is't with me, when every noise appals me?
What hands are here? ha! they pluck out mine eyes.**Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood****Clean from my hand? No, this my hand will rather****The multitudinous seas in incarnadine,****Making the green one red.**

*Re-enter LADY MACBETH*

**LADY MACBETH**

My hands are of your colour; but I shame
To wear a heart so white.