**Act 3, Scene 1 – Banquo’s Ghost (Part 3)**

**Activities:**

1. What does Macbeth find so terrifying in the ghost’s appearance?

2. What are the connotations of the word ‘glare’?

3. Explain the following quotations:

‘You have displaced the mirth’

‘Can such things be and overcome us like a summer’s cloud’

‘You can behold such sights and keep the natural ruby of your cheeks when mine is blanched with fear’.

4. How does Shakespeare present Macbeth as a man torn apart by guilt in this scene? Explain your ideas using quotations from the text.

5. Who is in control in this scene? Explain your ideas using quotations from the text.

*Re-enter GHOST OF BANQUO*

**MACBETH**

Avaunt! and quit my sight! let the earth hide thee!
Thy bones are marrowless, thy blood is cold;
Thou hast no speculation in those eyes
Which thou dost glare with!

**LADY MACBETH**

Think of this, good peers,
But as a thing of custom: 'tis no other;
Only it spoils the pleasure of the time.

**MACBETH**

What man dare, I dare:
Approach thou like the rugged Russian bear,
The arm'd rhinoceros, or the Hyrcan tiger;
Take any shape but that, and my firm nerves
Shall never tremble: or be alive again,
And dare me to the desert with thy sword;
If trembling I inhabit then, protest me
The baby of a girl. Hence, horrible shadow!
Unreal mockery, hence!

INCREASING CHALLENGE

*GHOST OF BANQUO vanishes*

Why, so: being gone, I am a man again. Pray you, sit still.

**LADY MACBETH**

You have displaced the mirth, broke the good meeting, With most admired disorder.

**MACBETH**

Can such things be, And overcome us like a summer's cloud,
Without our special wonder? You make me strange
Even to the disposition that I owe,
When now I think you can behold such sights,
And keep the natural ruby of your cheeks,
When mine is blanched with fear.