

Today we headed out of Cambridge for a fun-filled day at **Stratford-Upon Avon** and **Warwick Castle**. Stratford-Upon Avon is famous for being the 16th century birthplace of English playwright William Shakespeare. Possibly the most famous writer in the English language, students enjoyed a tour in the morning, where they saw Shakespeare's birthplace, home and burial place and followed his footsteps around the town. They learnt lots about Shakespeare, such as he was born on the same day he died (Wednesday 23rd April, yes it's true!). Although slightly colder than the previous trip days, students enjoyed exploring the town in the morning!

During the afternoon, students split off into two separate trips. Earlier in the week the students were able to sign up to either watch the famous play Julius Caesar at the Royal Shakespeare Company or to venture a bit further and visit Warwick Castle. The students who went to watch Julius Caesar enjoyed this classic tragedy which was complete with lots of shouting, dramatic anger, fake blood, murder and fighting!

Whilst supervisors and students were on the edge of their seats during this political and dramatic Shakespeare play, the second group ventured up to the Castle. Warwick Castle was built in 1068 (so just a bit older than Reach Cambridge!) by William the Conqueror. At the Castle, students enjoyed the view after climbing up. The 'Flight of the Eagles' show was not to be missed; students saw condors, eagles and owls fly and catch snacks in the air!

The trip to Stratford-Upon Avon provided a fun adventure outside of Cambridge: with lots learnt about British history and literature, and much drama from the birds of prey to the fabulous acting at the RSC.

Once back in Cambridge, students had a bit of free time. Some continued the British themed day, watching Wimbledon with strawberries, whilst others practised what they had seen at the RSC, taking part in a Drama workshop. After a fun and busy day students headed to bed ready to hit the big city, London, tomorrow!

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