

Excursion day! For the first trip of the summer, we took our students to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. As one of literature's most influential figures, Shakespeare's impact on our language and culture is immense. We explored his birthplace, childhood home, and the impressive house he shared with his wife and children. Students were able to explore various history-themed gift shops and even take pictures with Shakespeare himself!

For lunch, students enjoyed the English classic of fish and chips before heading to Warwick Castle, eager for the Wars of the Roses reenactment. Built in 1068 by William the Conqueror, Warwick Castle transported the students to Elizabethan England, with actors in vivid period costumes creating an immersive experience, bringing the infamous English war between the houses of York and Lancaster to life. The castle also offered a variety of activities, including battle skills training and jester workshops.

Inside the castle, students explored a room dedicated to Henry VIII, featuring lifelike wax models of historical figures. We climbed to the top of the castle, taking in the expansive and beautiful grounds. Another highlight was the Falconer's Quest, a stunning bird of prey show featuring the Bearded Vulture, Bald Eagle, and many more impressive birds. Despite a long day, the students' energy and enthusiasm were infectious, especially with the Euros keeping the students entertained. Students from Germany and Spain alike cheered on their teams, creating a wholesome atmosphere on the coach journey back.

Upon returning, some students attended a personal statement workshop, while we once again put on a Euros screening for those wanting to continue the coach's atmosphere!

Come back tomorrow to hear all about the first sports day of the summer, and check out our Instagram and TikTok for more daily updates! (@reachcambridge)

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