



Leading the world's enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare's works, life and times

We are the world's leading charity in promoting the works, life and times of William Shakespeare and offer a unique Shakespeare centred experience with outstanding archive and library collections and five wonderful houses all directly relating to Shakespeare.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's Learning team offer lively and interactive sessions of the highest quality with Literary Heritage themes that will be directly useful to your students' curricular and examination requirements whilst providing excellent opportunities for out of class assessment.

As an independent charity we receive no public subsidy or direct government funding. We depend entirely on income generated through our supporters: our visitors, volunteers, donors and Friends. Your support is greatly valued.



"Excellent. As teachers we were very interested. Content was extremely useful. Pupils found it an excellent language focused recap of the play. It will be a good source for language reference when writing controlled assessment."
 Dodderhill School, Droitwich Spa
 Student comment

"You seemed to know so much on this subject that it seemed like second nature to you. You were inspirational, and I have learned so much."
 King Edward VI School, Handsworth

"After 18 years of coming to SBT, it still never fails to surprise, delight and educate."
 Stagecraft Ireland, Dublin

"Excellent contextual information which retained students' interest. Great images used - good group participation and involvement."
 King Edward VI School, Handsworth



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Learning Key Stage 3 & 4

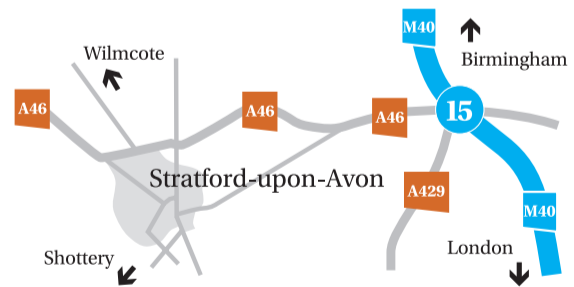


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- Sessions can be combined to create a Shakespeare short course tailored to your own needs
- One member of staff admitted free of charge with every ten students



How to find us

The Shakespeare Centre and Shakespeare's Birthplace (CV37 6QW), where there is a coach dropping-off point, are in Henley Street in the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon. Nash's House & New Place (CV37 6EP) and Hall's Croft (CV37 6BG) are also in the centre of town. Anne Hathaway's Cottage (CV37 9HH) and Mary Arden's Farm (CV37 9UN), which both have on-site parking, are one and a half and three miles respectively from the town.

Stratford-upon-Avon is a short drive from Junction 15 of the M40 and is well sign-posted on all major routes from Coventry, Birmingham, Oxford, Banbury, Worcester and Evesham.

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Setting the scene for Shakespeare

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 September 2011 – February 2012

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 Churchdown Secondary School, Gloucestershire

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Activities and workshops

Key Stage 3

Brush up your Shakespeare

Shakespeare Centre

Discursive Learning – Deep Understanding

Students will:

- Discover facts about Shakespeare's life and times
- Explore Shakespeare's school days
- Discuss the nature of play-going in Shakespeare's London
- Compare the staging of plays today and in Shakespeare's own time
- See images of Shakespeare's plays in performance
- Consider Shakespeare's place in the world's literary heritage
- Compete in a Shakespearean Quiz
- Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and the 'Life, Love & Legacy' exhibition

The perfect way to bring Shakespeare alive

Learning outcomes:

- Developing oral contribution to class discussion
- Enriching understanding of social and cultural context
- Retaining information and working effectively as a team

2 hours with visit / 60 minutes for talk only

£5.95 per child

(when combined with a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace, £3.25 if booked separately)

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Minimum charge, equivalent to 15 pupils, applies (this applies to Brush Up and Spotlight)

Key Stage 4

Spotlight on Shakespeare

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Discursive Learning – Deep Understanding

Students will:

- Explore literary and historical context
- Discuss language use and effects
- Discover original stagecraft
- Direct characterisation
- Imagine staging scenes
- Identify ideas and issues

Choose your play:

- *Macbeth*
- *Twelfth Night*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Much Ado About Nothing*
- *The Merchant of Venice*
- *Othello*
- *As You Like It*
- *Julius Caesar*
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- *Hamlet*
- *The Taming of the Shrew*

Text Linkage

- Pick 2 or more of Shakespeare's plays for comparison to suit your students' needs

Learning outcomes:

- Developing ability to shape ideas in light of comments made by others
- Promoting sensitivity to alternative interpretations
- Encouraging reflective, critical and discriminating responses
- Deepening understanding of Shakespeare's texts as play scripts

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Special events

Key Stage 3 and 4

'Is all our Company met?'

A day in the life of a rehearsal room

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is pleased to be working in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company

Shakespeare Centre and Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)

A unique opportunity for students to develop their research and performance skills. The day will start in the archives of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust (SBT) and move onto the rehearsal rooms of the RSC, in search of a deep understanding of Shakespeare's plays in performance. Working as an ensemble of actors on the first day of rehearsals, students will:

- Take part in a seminar style illustrated talk on the play in performance with SBT
- Research a specific production task in the SBT theatre archives
- Work on scenes with an RSC Director
- Perform scenes framed by the day's activities

The sessions are designed for KS3-4 students (Maximum 30 students) and run on any Shakespeare play of your choice throughout term-time (subject to availability) from November 2011.

'Is all our company met?' workshops run from 10am-5pm

£325 per group

(£305 RSC Education Members)

Available to book from November 2011 by calling the RSC Education Ticket Hotline on 0844 800 1113 (during term times, 8.30am-5pm)



Educational visits Shakespeare's Houses and Gardens

Shakespeare's Birthplace

Stand where genius was born

- The Birthplace is a special place that everyone should see at least once in their lives
- Visit the house where Shakespeare was born, grew up and spent the first years of his married life
- Costumed guides will show you around the house and an exhibition sets the scene for your journey
- Watch actors bring your favourite characters and plays to life

Anne Hathaway's Cottage

The most romantic Shakespeare house

- Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future wife at her family home
- Built in 1463, the cottage is a thatched farmhouse with stunning grounds
- Wander through the award winning cottage gardens with traditional Tudor planting
- Explore the Elizabethan style yew maze, sculpture trail and woodland walk

Mary Arden's Farm

A real working Tudor farm

- Visit the childhood home of Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden and experience life as it would have been when he was a boy
- Step back in time and discover all the sights, smells and activities of rural life in the 1570s
- Try your hand at work on a Tudor farm
- Meet the rare breed animals, make fiends with the curly-haired pigs and hand feed the goats
- Enjoy the circular nature trails and take in the beautiful countryside and abundance of wildlife

Nash's House & New Place

Shakespeare's final home

- Nash's House was named after Shakespeare's daughter's first husband
- Take in the period splendour of the houses and enjoy exhibitions in the upstairs rooms
- Next door are the foundations of Shakespeare's last home
- New Place was the house where Shakespeare wrote his later plays and where he died
- Visit the archaeological excavations of New Place and watch the experts as they uncover finds
- Take part in the sieving marquee and learn as you work

Hall's Croft

Jacobean home of Shakespeare's daughter

- Wander through the elegant home of Susanna Shakespeare and her husband the wealthy physician Dr John Hall
- Examine the intriguing collection of apothecary's equipment and books
- Discover the tranquil gardens and fragrant herbs as used by Dr Hall in his remedies
- Look out for performances of Shakespeare's plays in the gardens throughout the summer

Any 3 Shakespeare Houses School Ticket **£5.95** (normally £8.08)

All 5 Shakespeare Houses School Ticket **£7.95** (normally £10.20)

These tickets are only available at this rate if booked and paid for in advance by a school in the U.K. Includes free Discovery Pack for each student.

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