

Student life in Stratford

MA students explain the benefits of living and studying in Stratford-upon-Avon.

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Stratford is a very, very special town. It has some magical quality to it really.

Living in Stratford is absolutely delightful. It's a gorgeous town. It's small. It's friendly. I particularly like it because we're in walking distance of the Royal Shakespeare Company and all the wonderful historical places related to Shakespeare and his family and all the historical places nearby.

The building is ancient, it breathes history, it creates inspiration when you're around.

Student life is very varied at the Institute. We have an international community of students of all ages. They're all doing different things, they all come very different backgrounds.

Coming so far away from home to a small community has made it a really nice transition.

It really gives you a sense of community. I've never settled into a place so fast as I have into the Shakespeare Institute.

There are always people around and everyone knows what everyone else is studying so if someone comes across a book that they think might be helpful they'll mention it to you. I don't think you would get that sense of community anywhere else really.

We play football every Friday. A lot of people come along, all ages and all abilities, it's just a bit of fun. You get to know a lot of people from all over the world and you get to share research and exchange ideas and brainstorm just in the garden.

I have joined in on the playreading classes that we have on Thursday evenings, which is really fun because we get exposed to new plays that I haven't read that might not be written by Shakespeare. It's just quite relaxing. We sit around and read the plays. We have a break and a glass of wine, a bit of a laugh and it's really enjoyable.

I chose to study at The Shakespeare Institute because the Shakespeare Institute is in Stratford-upon-Avon and what better place to study Shakespeare?

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