

British Council Summer Camp: In Shakespeare's Hometown

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On 17 August 2012 the **Shakespeare Institute** ([/schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/index.aspx](http://schools.edacs.departments.shakespeare/index.aspx)) was delighted to welcome a group of American high school students bereaved by the events of September 11 2001, taking part in an **educational tour of Britain** (<http://usa.britishcouncil.org/british-council-summer-camp-in-shakespeares-hometown>) organised by the British Council.



Founded in 1951 by a scholar brought back to Britain from Yale, Allardyce Nicoll, the Institute has always been a profoundly transatlantic institution, and one which has regularly studied the place of Shakespeare in both North American and British culture across time: it is housed, moreover, in a building in which Mark Twain once stayed (as the guest of the novelist Marie Corelli).

The students were introduced to Shakespeare and Stratford by the Institute's Deputy Director, **Professor John Jowett** ([/staff/profiles/shakespeare/jowett-john.aspx](http://staff/profiles/shakespeare/jowett-john.aspx)), and saw a performance of scenes from *As You Like It* given by the **Shakespeare Institute Players** ([/schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/about/life/players.aspx](http://schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/about/life/players.aspx)).