



# "One Day in May"

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**Describe your day on May 15, 2023. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Who did you spend time with? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores?**

All of May I have been studying in England as a part of the "Shakespeare in London" study abroad with Gabriel Vanover. Currently we are staying in Stratford-Upon-Avon, a beautiful little place, home to Shakespeare and the Royal Shakespeare Company. I woke up around 8AM local time and I went and had a full English breakfast provided by our hostel called "The Hollies." My meal consisted of baked beans, a Sunnyside up egg (the worst of the eggs), a pork and sage sausage, and a nice cup of hot English breakfast tea. I then went to class which was at "Halls Croft" which is the home of Shakespeare's daughter Susanna Hall. At Halls Croft we had the pleasure of speaking Dr. Sir Stanly Wells, the top scholar within the Shakespeare field, he has also wrote more books for the Oxford Press than anyone else in history (and he will be 93 next week as of the time writing this). This experience was amazing because this is an opportunity I would have never gotten on any other trip. Then Kylee Brewster and I went and had Sausage rolls from a little bakery called "Cornwall's Bakery" and it was amazing. After lunch we had class in John Harvard's house, who was the founder of Harvard, and talked about the best selling book and play "Hamnet" based on Shakespeare's son. Specifically we talked about how most of the story is fictional, which is a little disheartening but makes sense because witches do not exist. We then had the pleasure of visiting Ann Hathaway's cottage. After the cottage I did laundry at a laundry mat but did not have enough coins, so I had to get some from a Kabab place. We then had dinner which was a jacket potato with tuna, 2/10. The last thing I did that day was actually go see Hamnet at the Swan Theatre, unfortunately Sam Schmidt and I had standing seats and most of the show I just watched the back of someone's head. On the bright side though, Professor Vanover switched me seats halfway through the show so I could see, but mostly because his back hurt, poor guy. After the show I went back to my hostel, worked on a paper, and went to bed.

**We'd also like to hear about what learning looks like for you. When you think of the Hanover classes that have mattered the most to you, what do you see? A specific classroom, lab, or studio? your favorite late-night study location? What about lessons learned at Hanover outside of the classroom -- do you see conversations over meals? locker room celebrations? shared community service? the streets of a foreign city during**

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**an off-campus class? If you're no longer on campus, what does learning look like now?**

when I think about the thing that Hanover that has mattered to me the most it has been the hands on opportunities within my learning. that may look like a lab or being in England, but it has also looked like going to my advisors office hours and getting a little bit more physically hands on with my Greek studies. Especially now a lot of the conversations that started in the class room have carried over into every other conversation. this is greatly due to being immersed in the place of learning 24/7, but it is more than that because me and my peers truly have a passion for what we are studying. The learning opportunities also allowed me to meet new people and make new friends. whilst here in Stratford I have made a great acquaintance with Dr. Nick Walton, one of the professors leading our courses.

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