

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW



FIRST ENCOUNTER

THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION
TO SHAKESPEARE FOR ANYONE
AGED 8 AND OVER

On Tuesday 18th March, year 7 students from Cloughwood Academy went to a Royal Shakespeare Company production of **The Taming of the Shrew** at the New Vic Theatre in Hanley. This production included an introduction to the performance and a chance to hear from the actors afterwards. *First Encounter: The Taming of the Shrew* uses a distilled version of the original text to create the perfect first experience of Shakespeare for 8-13 year olds.

Here's what one of our Year 7 students thought about the production.

The Taming of the Shrew

It was a very exciting day because we went to see the Taming of the shrew by the famous royal Shakespeare actors. We took the year6 ad all of the year7. After a while we arrived there, however it was kind of disturbing the way they changed the gender roles. I think all the characters worked well with each other even though Katherine and Bianca are always fighting. I actually thought the biggest difference was the two speeches of which Kat. Because in the first speech was an aggressive argument so not much of a speech, the last one was a very caring, loving and thoughtful speech.

The whole production was amazing! The way the actors used formal language but we still understood what they were saying also you can see that Kat has emotions for Petruchio at the start but Kat doesn't want Petruchio to see that. All Kat wants him to see is the mean side of her. In conclusion I enjoyed this play as it related Shakespeare version yet with a modern day twist. The work shop at the end gave us an opportunity to find out more about the characters and actors.

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