

KATE MIDDLETON, The Duchess of Cambridge

is a member of the royal family, her husband is Prince William. The media has called her impact/ **influence on British and American fashion** *Kate Middleton effect*. Kate buys clothes in shops like all the other people, people love to buy clothes that Kate likes buying for her family. When Kate buys some clothes for the children and they are seen in public in it, it's usually sold out from all the internet shops in a few minutes. She as well as her children are big *fashion influencers*. She is 39 years old.

Kate studied art history and chemistry and biology at University of St Andrews, where she met Prince William. They might become *future King and First Lady* in the future. Together they have **4 children** and spend a lot of time *working for charities* including **mental health charities, emotional wellbeing of children, children with cancer etc.**



MEGAN MARKLE, The Duchess of Sussex

is an American, she is a member of the royal family, a former actress, her husband is Prince Harry. Together they moved first to Canada, then to the USA. They refused to use the royal privilege. She is a feminist and influential woman working for several **charities, e.g. supporting women's rights and social justice**. Harry and Megan have one child, Megan is expecting another one.



FAMOUS BRITISH PEOPLE - IMPORTANT BRITISH MEN

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh is a husband of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries. Phillip was born as a **Prince of Greece and Denmark**. He is 99 years old. (10 June 1921) Prince Phillip loves sports. He is a patron, president of member of over 780 organisations. The Duke created a programme for young people, an award programme called **the Duke of Edinburgh Award**.



COMMONWEALTH is a **political association of 54 member states**, it is very diverse [da-ja-vrs](různorodé), there are countries that are very large, very small, very rich as well as very small. The countries are former territories of the British Empire. The Queen is the **head of 16 of the countries**, other 33 are republics and 5 members have their own rulers.

His **grandsons William and Harry** served in the army. Prince Harry *served in the army* for 10 years, took part in the war in Afghanistan twice. Prince William got to Afghanistan as a pilot of a helicopter, too.

People are interested in lives of the royal family a lot.

William Shakespeare

The name of the English national poet and playwright William Shakespeare is known all over the world. During his life he wrote **38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and several other poems**. He is considered to be *one of the greatest writers in the world* literature.

Basic facts:

Shakespeare was **born and died on the same day**. He was born on 23rd April 1564 and **died** on 23rd April 1616, **at the age of 52**. He was born in **Stratford-upon-Avon** (Stratford nad Avonou - řeka). Shakespeare's life Shakespeare had 7 brothers and sisters. Families were big in those days. His parents were **rich**, his father was a businessman who bought and sold leather and wool, his mother was the daughter of a rich farmer, so young Shakespeare went to very good schools and learnt Latin and the literature of the Ancient Rome [ejšnt] (starodávny řím). But he was probably more interested in the groups of **actors who travelled from town to town and put on plays in schools, churches, halls and public houses**. These plays were very popular and **William went to see them after school**. When Shakespeare **left school**, he went to work for his father. But soon after, he met and fell in love with Anne Hathaway, a daughter of a farmer who lived near. They **got married when Anne got pregnant, Shakespeare was 18, Anne 25**, 8 years older. Their baby was born 5 months later. We do not know what Shakespeare did for the next 10 years. Scientists are not even 100% sure



The award encourages young people to do exciting cultural, social and adventure activities in their free time. The Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, started the award in 1956. He started it because he wanted young people to learn to help themselves and other people.

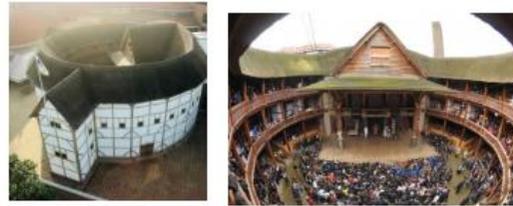
The award is for people aged 14–25, and there are three levels: Bronze, for those aged 14 or over; Silver for over 15s, and Gold for over 16s. You have to complete four activities to achieve the award:

- go on an expedition (e.g. hiking, kayaking or climbing)
- learn a new practical or social skill (anything from painting to podcasting!)
- take on a physical challenge (e.g. learn or improve at a sport)
- do voluntary work, helping people or the environment (e.g. work with disabled or elderly people, or raise money for a charity)

Young people usually do the award at a Duke of Edinburgh club at their school or at a local youth group. They decide what they are going to do, and write a plan. It usually takes between one and three years to finish an award.

if the Shakespeare who started to write in London is Shakespeare who lived in Stratford. We do not know why he gave up a good job in his father's business and moved to London. We do not know why or when he became an actor and playwright. All we know is that in 1592 Shakespeare wrote his first play. He became popular very quickly.

The Globe theatre: Shakespeare **built a theatre – the Globe- in the centre of London** 400 hundred years ago. It was **one of the first theatres in London. People of London loved going to the theatre.** It was **round and had no roof** in the centre – like the theaters in Rome. The problem was it



often rained in London, the theatre was **open** and people got very wet. The Globe could hold **3 thousand people**. Some people sat to watch the play, some stood in the middle in front of the stage. They drank beer and were very noisy clapping, cheering and shouting. to the actors. There were only actors, **no women, no actresses**, young **boys played the parts of the women**. Most people lived on the north side of London and had to cross the river, cross London Bridge to go to the theatre. London Bridge was the only bridge over the river Thames at that time. Plays started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and a flag flew on the top of the theatre when the play was ready. **The white flag showed a comedy, the black flag a tragedy and the red one informed people that a history play is going to be played on the night.** The plays were **very popular** with both poor and rich people. **The Queen often came to see the plays.** There was often plague [plejg] (mor)/ diseases in London, too, people used to die. When more than 30 people died in the town in the week, the flag was lowered and the theatre was closed.

Shakespeare's work Shakespeare was a big poet and wrote some nice sonnets, but is best known for his theatre plays. He wrote 37 plays, tragedies, comedies, historical plays and romances, which is something between tragedy and comedy. Tragedies: Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth and plays which are something between tragedy and historical play – Julius Caesar, Anthony and Cleopatra. Comedies: A midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, The Merry Wives of Windsor, As you like it, Twelfth Night. Romances: The Winter's Tale, The Tempest Historical plays: Richard II, Richard III, Henry IV, Henry VI Romeo and Juliet I have seen a film called Romeo and Juliet. It is a short modern version based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It was released in 1996. It is an American romantic drama. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio & Claire Danes. The characters speak the original Shakespearean language, original dialogues but it takes place at modern times, there are teenagers, cars, pistols and modern things such as a lift, petrol station and so on. The Capulet and Montague families are represented by



two competing business imperias/ firms. There are not swords (meče) but modern guns, no nobles (šlechticové) but businessmen and real teenagers and their parents. It is set in/ it takes place in Verona, in Italy. The main characters are Romeo and Juliet, Juliet's cousin Tybalt, friar Lawrence. It is a tragedy of love and revenge. [rivendž] (pomsta) The film was directed by an Australian director.

Things we say today, which Shakespeare wrote in his books: To be or not to be, that is the question; Fight fire with fire (proti ohni ohněm) Heart of gold (srdce ze zlata); Vanish into the air (vytratil se / rozplynul ve vzduchu) So-so (jakš takš); Fair play; Foul play; The game is up; Naked truth (holá pravda) Break the ice (prolomit ledy); What's done is done (co se stalo, stalo se) Love is blind (láška je slepá); Knock knock! Who's there? For goodness' sake (pro Krista pána)

Sir Isaac Newton

This man is very often referred to as the greatest and the most influential scientist who ever lived on this planet. Sir Isaac Newton **was theologian, alchemist, natural philosopher, astronomer, mathematician and physicist.** He formulated the theory about the nature of life, the theory of universal gravitation and invented differential calculus.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Sir Winston is **one of the greatest wartime leaders, an officer in the British Army, an artist, a writer, a historian, an orator, a noted statesman and a British Conservative politician.** He served twice as a Prime Minister in 1940-1945 and in 1951-1955. He is **the only Prime Minister in Britain who received the Nobel Prize** in Literature for his biographical and historical description. He used to wear a black hat, black coat and used to smoke a cigar [si-gár] (doutník) **Sir Paul McCartney** Sir Paul McCartney is an **English musician, composer, songwriter and singer** of the legendary rock band of the 1960s – **the Beatles**. This year he turned 70. He is considered to be one of the wealthiest people in the United Kingdom. In the year 2010 his fortune was estimated in £475 million.



John Lennon

John Lennon was a **musician and composer**, a founding member of the Beatles. In 2008, Rolling Stone magazine ranked him the fifth greatest singer of all times. Together with Paul McCartney they formed one of the greatest songwriting partnerships

David Beckham

Beckham is a leading **English footballer** and a former star of the legendary **Manchester United**. Nowadays he plays for Los Angeles, Galaxy. He was the first British football player to play 100 Champions League matches. In the year **2004 he was named the world's highest-paid footballer.**

Tom Hardy, Jude Law, The Beatles, One Direction, Adele, etc. <3 ❄️