



Activities: Key Stage 3

First interview with Aruhan Galieva playing Hero

- 1) Find the Week 1 interview with Aruhan Galieva playing Hero on the Playing Shakespeare web-site. Towards the end of this interview (8m 30s to 10m 31s) Aruhan compares Hero to a modern-day teenager being ignored by older people. Aruhan uses the example of her own real-life younger brother who she says is often ignored by visitors when they come to her parents' home.
- 2) With a fellow student look at the early scenes and see if you agree that Hero is someone who is rather ignored by the older characters.
- 3) Compare Hero with how Beatrice behaves in these scenes. How does the contrast with Beatrice show the audience that Hero is younger and less confident than her cousin?
- 4) On a large sheet of paper put an image of Hero from the Playing Shakespeare web-site in the centre with images of the other characters around her. From each character's image draw a line towards Hero giving that character's feelings about her.
- 5) Share with other groups.