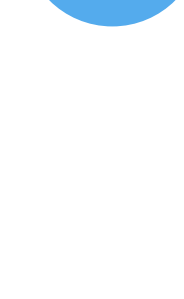


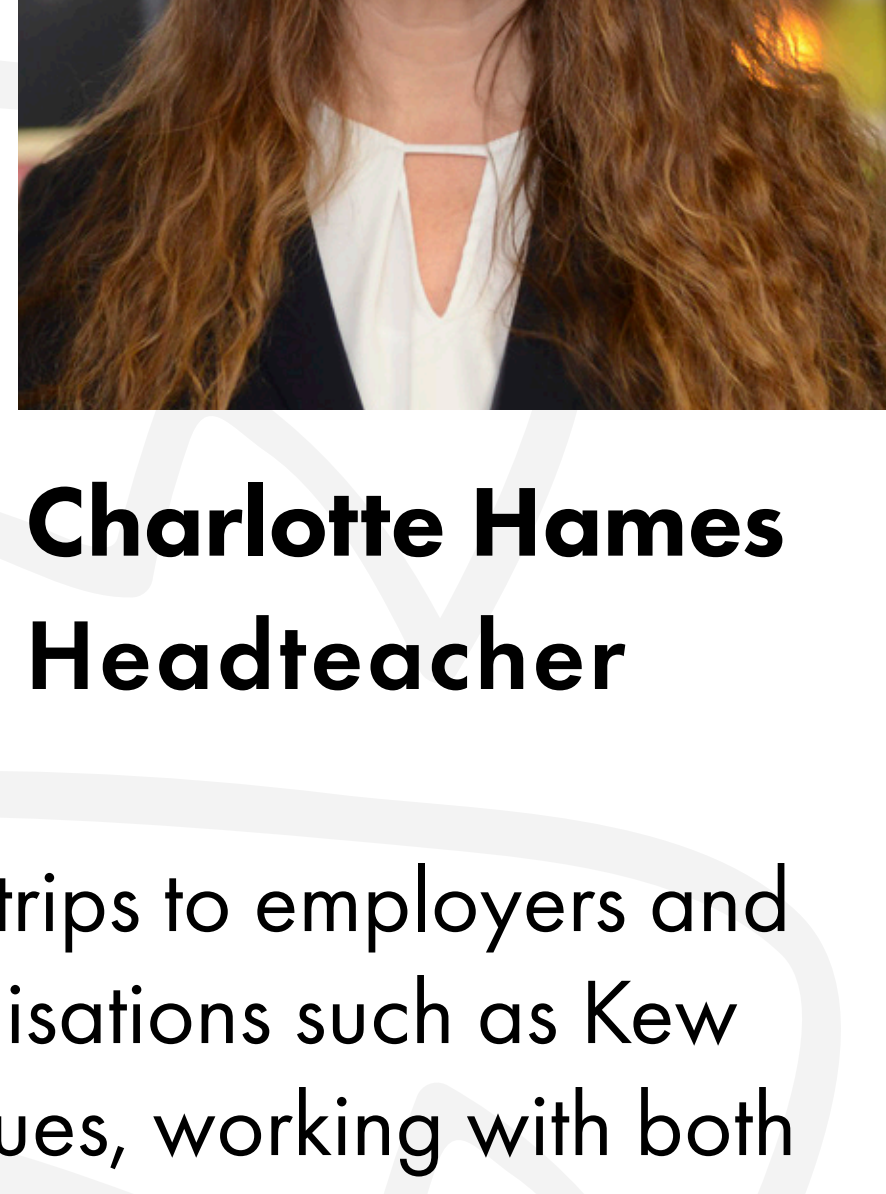
NEWSLETTER



8 December 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is that time of year when the days are getting shorter, the temperature is dropping and the calendar is getting busier than ever. As we head into December, Year 11 students are sitting their mock exams to prepare them for their GCSEs in the summer. This is a really important opportunity for students to develop their independent learning skills and identify their strengths and next steps. We wish them all the best and are confident that their hard work pays off.



Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

We continue to offer students a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom, from Geography residentials to *Mozartists* workshops, trips to employers and volunteering opportunities with high-quality organisations such as Kew Gardens. Our Routes2Success programme continues, working with both students and parents/carers to build confidence and develop strategies for success.

As we delve into winter, what better way to raise our spirits than our Winter Concert? Don't forget to come along. Our PE department have been offering a significant number of clubs and fixtures and seem not to feel the cold as they take to the astro in all weathers! And finally, as we continue to celebrate the many successes of our school community, thank you for working with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Ms Hames

UPCOMING EVENTS

14
DEC

WINTER
CONCERT

6.30PM

19
DEC

Y11 MOCK EXAMS
END

ALL DAY

19
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ALL DAY

20
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LAST DAY OF TERM
EARLY CLOSURE

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START
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MOCK EXAMS BEGIN

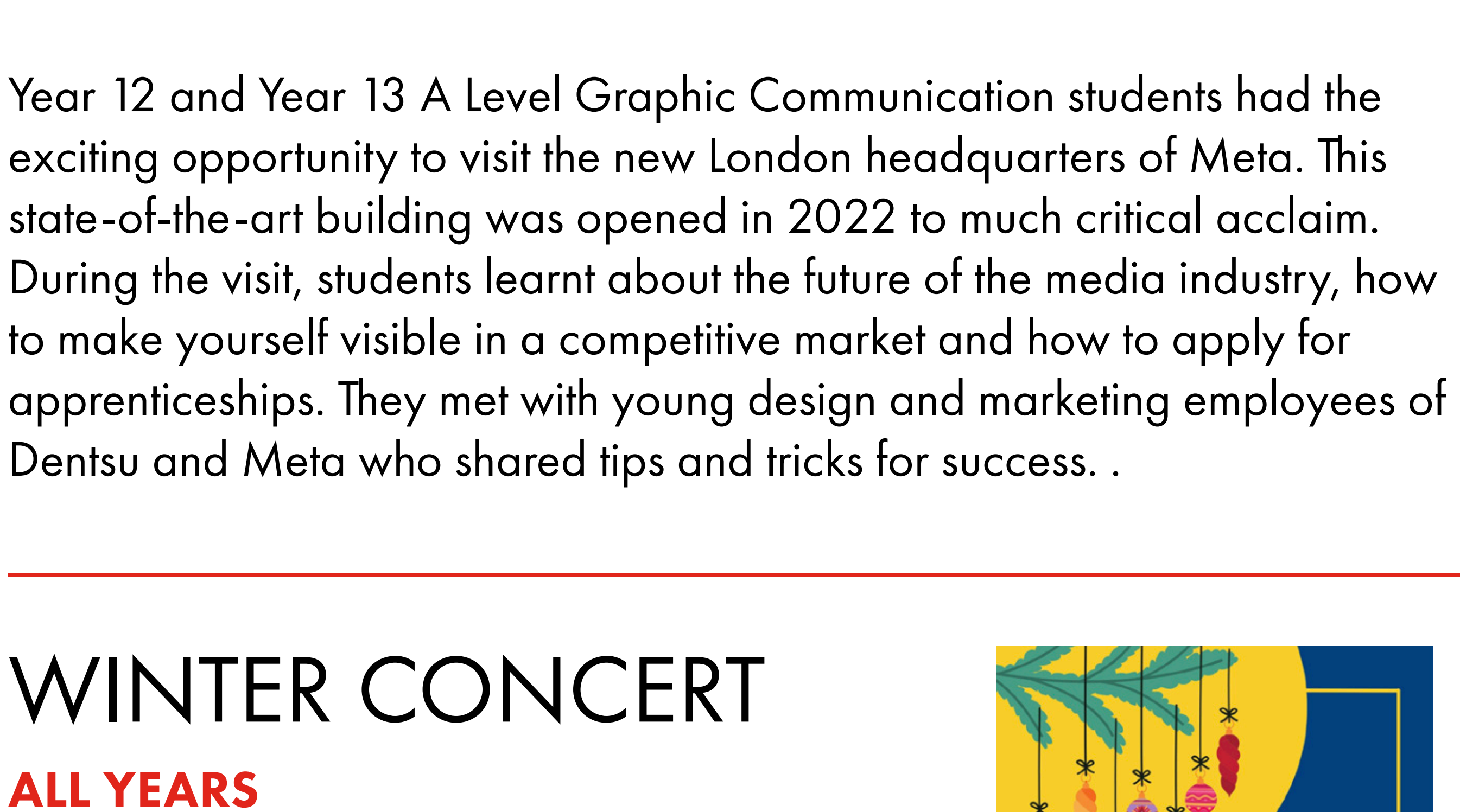
ALL DAY

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

[VIEW TERM DATES](#)

VISIT TO META HQ

YEARS 12 AND 13



Year 12 and Year 13 A Level Graphic Communication students had the exciting opportunity to visit the new London headquarters of Meta. This state-of-the-art building was opened in 2022 to much critical acclaim. During the visit, students learnt about the future of the media industry, how to make yourself visible in a competitive market and how to apply for apprenticeships. They met with young design and marketing employees of Dentsu and Meta who shared tips and tricks for success. .

WINTER CONCERT

ALL YEARS

This year's Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, 14 December at 18.30 in the Main Hall. It is set to be a fantastic and festive evening. Tickets are free and are available on [TicketTailor](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!



ROUTES2SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

ALL YEARS



Routes2Success is a role model and mentoring programme aimed at supporting our Year 8 and Year 9 students from ethnic minority backgrounds. During the Routes2Success workshops, students developed entrepreneurial skills, were given careers advice and learnt about how to make positive choices.

These inspirational workshops empowered our students to think practically about how they can reach their full potential. Throughout the sessions, students were given many opportunities to develop their leadership, teamwork and group discussion skills.

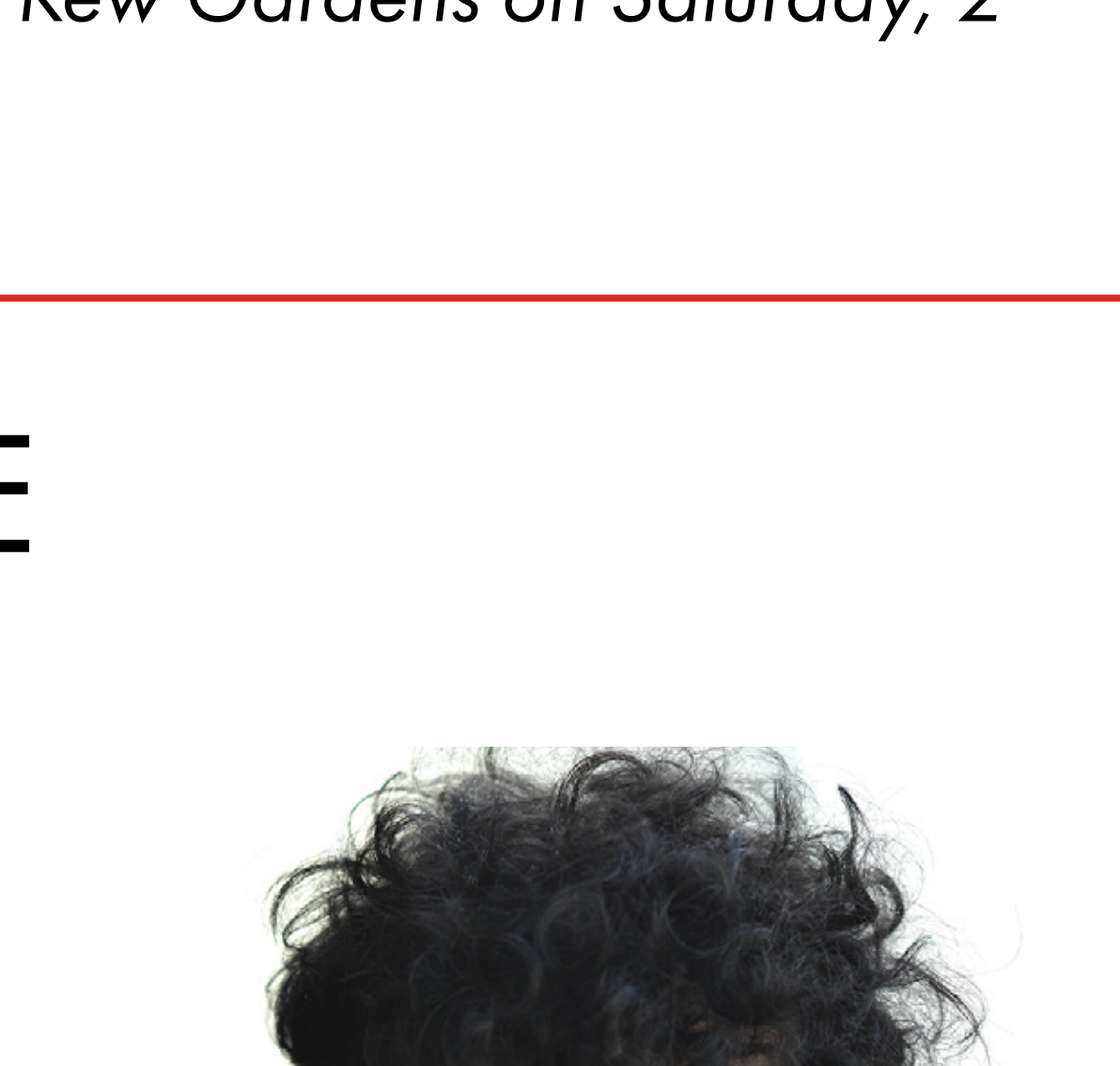
Routes2Success also ran a workshop open to all our Year 7 parents/carers during Target Setting Day, focusing on transitioning into secondary school and supporting students' learning at home and making sense of school reports. This was well received, and we look forward to running further workshops for parents/carers in the future.

GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL

YEAR 13

Year 13 Geography students went to Southwold in Suffolk on a residential trip as part of their coursework.

The students learnt how coastal management has been put in place to save the coast (Physical Geography) and how human interference has changed the demography of the area (Human Geography).



KEW GARDENS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

YEAR 10

Congratulations to Eyman in Year 10 who was accepted onto the Kew Gardens Education Programme.

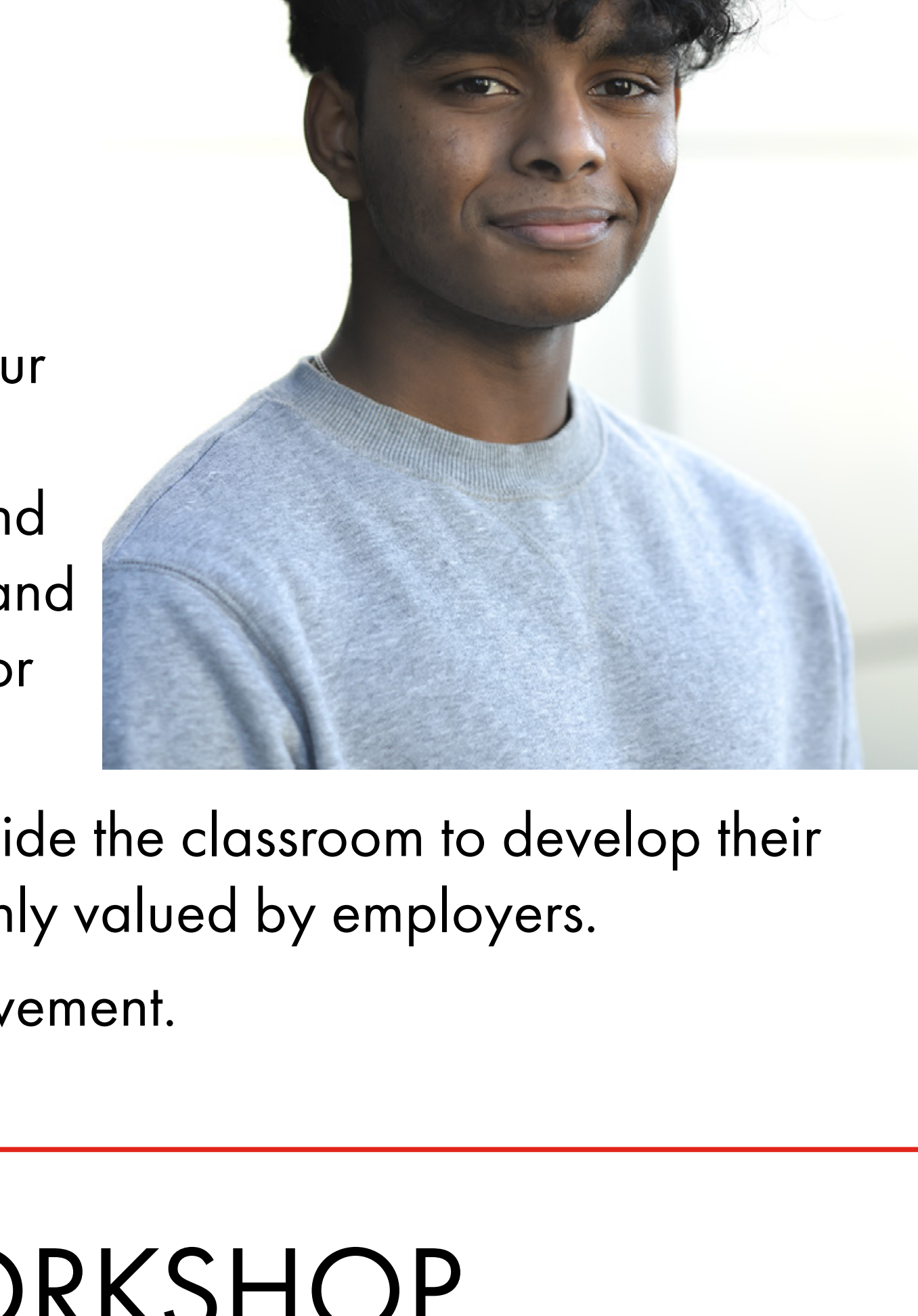
This is a **free, year - long programme at Kew Gardens**

for nature-enthusiasts between the ages of **14-17** who demonstrate the **commitment, resilience and passion** that is required to succeed

in Kew's fully funded, award-winning science communication programme.

"I have been taking part in a planning activity, planting bulbs that will hopefully flower in spring!

I also took part in the Model COP28 at Kew Gardens on Saturday, 2 December".



ST JOHN'S INSPIRE

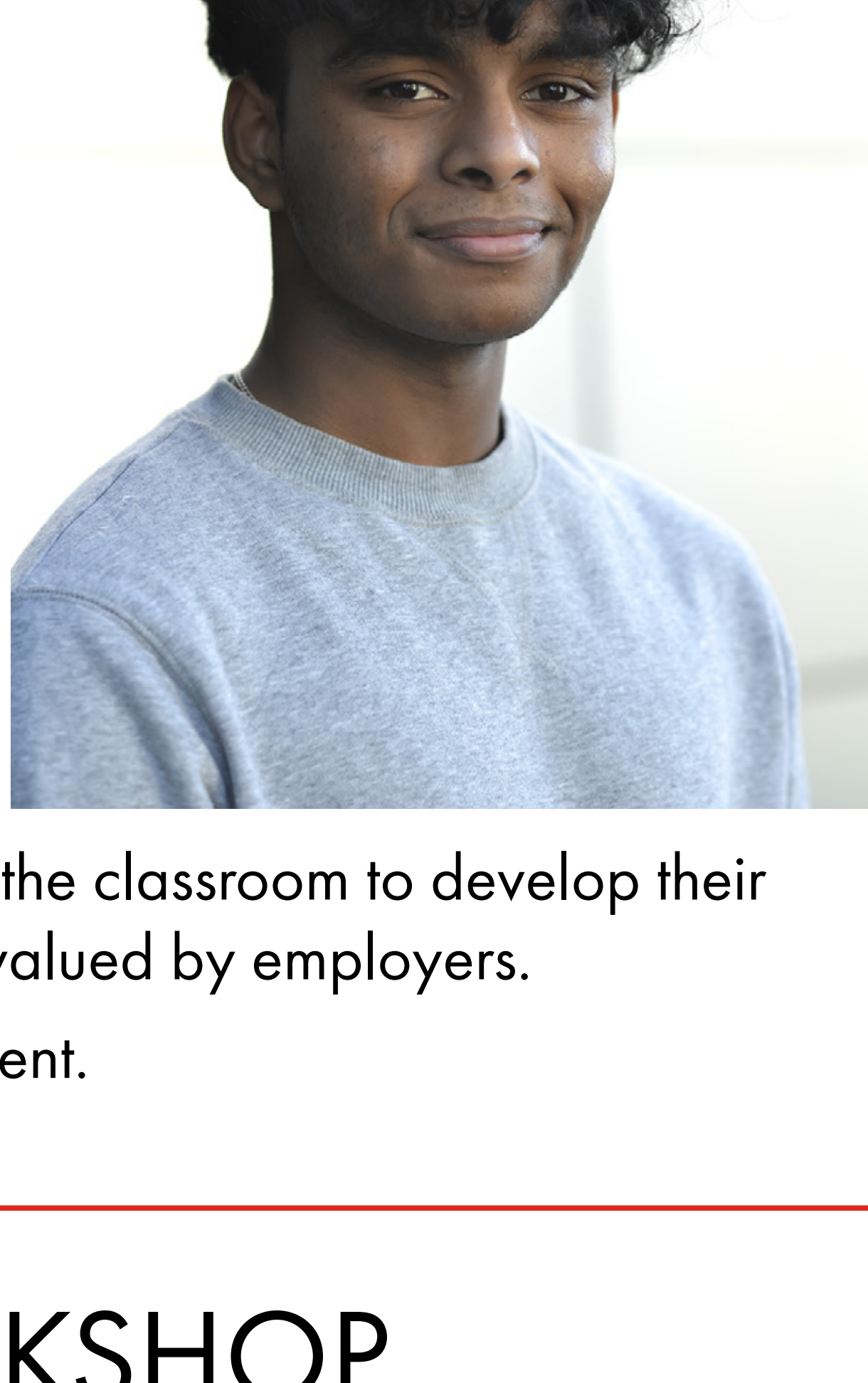
YEARS 12 AND 13

Congratulations to Blain, Diya, Prabishan and Tia, our Sixth Form students who have been offered places on the Access Programme from St John's College, University of Oxford.

This course is designed to inspire, encourage and support Year 12 and 13 students before university. Our four students will have the opportunity to attend academic taster lectures, attend student and university skills sessions and attend a summer school (residential or virtual).

Students who seek opportunities outside the classroom to develop their subject knowledge and skills are highly valued by employers.

Well done! This is a significant achievement.

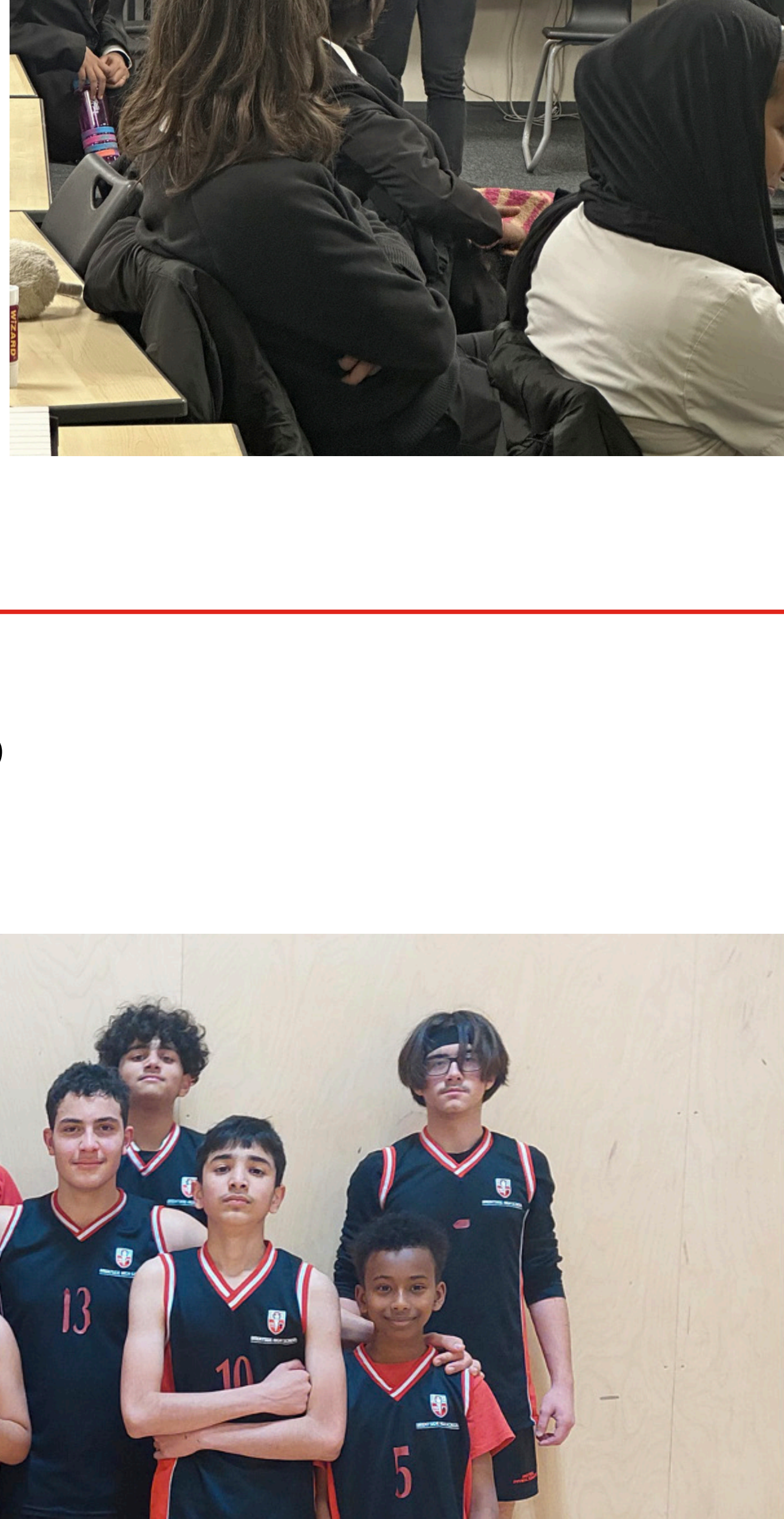


MOZARTISTS WORKSHOP

ALL YEARS

Music students were lucky enough to take part in one of two fantastic workshops led by the *Mozartists* on singing and stagecraft on Tuesday, 5 December and Wednesday, 6 December.

The workshop was delivered by an amateur from the *Mozartists*, a period-instrument orchestra and opera company. Working with an up-and-coming young singer, the students developed their musical awareness and dramatic story-telling skills. Students also participated in a question-and-answer session to learn about careers in music.



SPORTING NEWS

ALL YEARS



Sports clubs have continued to be very popular this year, now extending to sixth form students with the inclusion of sixth form football and seniors netball.

Students have participated in over 40 fixtures since the start of the year including football, netball, athletics and basketball. All teams have continued to make good progress building on last year's outstanding results.

A particular highlight was the recent victory for the Junior Basketball team defeating Ealing fields 26 – 16. Well done to all involved in our sports clubs; keep aiming for the stars!