



Press Release

Electric December: Wishing on a Star 6 December

A truly star-studded Christmas experience! View dramatic images of the far reaches of space, as seen through the eyes of the Faulkes telescopes and presented by children who took part in The Earth and Beyond Space School.

The space school was a week long course of events run by At-Bristol for gifted and talented students aged 11-14. The students were selected from secondary schools in South Gloucestershire and identified by teachers and parents as being very able and having an interest in space science. They were brought together by the South Gloucestershire Education Authority for a week of challenging, creative and hands-on activities designed and delivered by the Learning team at At-Bristol.

Participants worked with experts in the field of astronomy and astrophysics, and were given the opportunity to remotely control the Faulkes telescopes in Australia and Hawaii. With the use of this cutting edge technology the students were able to photograph and manipulate incredible images of deep space objects. These dramatic images make the basis for this Electric December present and the inspiration for the students' wishes.

Electric December is Watershed's widely acclaimed online digital advent calendar, which offers a new and totally unique digital present every day from 1 Dec - counting you down to Christmas.

Notes to editors

- For further information on At-Bristol please visit <http://www.at-bristol.org.uk/>
- Electric December is an example of the work contributing to Bristol's bid to The Digital Challenge, which offers a £7m prize to develop a showcase zone for eGovernment and ICT innovation - find out more at <http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/1716>
- Find out more about Electric December, and download images and press releases at <http://www.electricdecember.org/06/press>
- Electric December is a Watershed project supported by Bristol City Council and Bristol Evening Post.
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