ARD-WORKING Year 7 and 8 students from Haughton Academy were selected to take part in a special arts workshop with internationally renowned illustrator Liz Million.

The 42-year-old Darlington artist, who is asked to illustrate anything from books to road signs all over the world, offered the students top tips on how to draw characters.

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“I was good at drawing which meant I could do anything creative, from architecture to fashion design. I used to love rainy days as it meant I could stay in and draw.”

Liz told them how she had gone to school and college in Darlington before studying a degree in London. She then started illustrating for Walker Books and now completes a host of commissions and delivers school workshops too.

Her drawings were put into a draw for students with the lucky ones getting to take them home.
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Learning resources manager at The Education Village Karen Fantarrow said: “I used to work in the town’s library and remember Liz coming in as a student. I’m delighted she has done so well and her success shows you don’t have to move away from the region to achieve your goals.”