



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012

#### Greeting from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The school has recently been building a new website which went live this week. The web address is: [www.richardlander.co.uk](http://www.richardlander.co.uk)

Please can I encourage all parents to visit the site on a regular basis. Its aim is to:

- Reflect the school's vision, values and aims.
- Celebrate the many achievements of students and the terrific range of opportunities available both within and beyond the curriculum.
- Further improve home / school communication, giving up to date information and advice.

If you are a Facebook or Twitter user, please do go through the school website to add yourself as a friend or a follower. We will be issuing regular updates using these media platforms, such as information about parents' evenings, letters home, and celebrating student successes in 'real time'.

I would like to commend the Creative Edge design company, which is Truro based, for delivering what we believe is an outstanding school website and which will continue to grow and develop over the coming years. May I also thank Mrs Griffiths, Assistant Headteacher, lead member of school staff responsible for website development.

May I request both parents and students to have a good look round the new website and to give some feedback regarding:

- Your initial views about the site
- What you would like to see built into the site, which from your perspective, might improve it even further

Please use the school's Enquiries system to do this (see website for details!)

Many kind regards,

Steve Mulcahy  
Headteacher



#### Important Dates for your Diary

##### MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

BANK HOLIDAY

##### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Y11 students in school 8:30-12:00pm

Y11 Ball at the Penventon Hotel.

Y10 G & T Visit to Oxford University

##### THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY

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Y10 Young Enterprise Final

Y11 NOT IN SCHOOL

##### TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Times Spelling Bee semi-final in Plymouth

##### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>th</sup> MAY

Y9 Graduate Fashion Show in Falmouth

##### THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Y8 Parents Evening

##### FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY

Community Swimming Gala

#### REVISION EDITION

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#### SCHOOL CHOIRS UPDATE FROM MR PASCOE

Some of our singers have had a busy couple of weeks. Fresh from winning the 'Best choral performance' in the Cornwall Music Festival', CHANGING VOICES performed at the Arts Centre at the University, amazing all with their versatility and roundness of tone. The Cousin



Jacks also 'performed' in the concert, dressed as mice and generally larking around to the audible delight of the audience mainly comprised of students.

Two days later CHANGING VOICES were in the Hall for Cornwall to take part in their last performance of TIN. This play was staged by Miracle Theatre and English Touring

Opera and has been played all around the Duchy with different school choirs being slotted in in each venue. We appeared in six performances. This has been a rewarding and worthwhile project for our lads. They have now been asked to take part in a film version of the production. This is a great honour and promises to be fun. The only downside for some of the boys is that they have had to 'suffer the indignity' of having their hair cut so that they look Victorian. It has been a revelation seeing ears displayed for the first time...

On Saturday night members of all our school choirs took part in a combined concert in the Cathedral, performing with St Mary's Singers, St Keverne Band and students from Truro School, the High School and Cornwall Youth Choir. This is an annual event and a lovely occasion for so many students to make music together. CHANGING VOICES had a solo spot and sang with accustomed panache.



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### Storming performance by Richard Lander Greenpower at Silverstone as School car beats entries from Jaguar and Peugeot.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Richard Lander Greenpower team defied treacherous weather conditions to place 8<sup>th</sup> out of 37 competitors in the Corporate Challenge at Silverstone. This was a particularly fine achievement in light of the fact that they were competing against the likes of Jaguar Land



Rover and Peugeot Citroen Academy who placed 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively. The school car is made entirely in after-school sessions, in DT Workshops, by Mr Pascoe, Mr Lloyd King, Mr Beech and Greenpower students. The team qualified for the Corporate Challenge through their hugely successful season last year when they reached the Goodwood final.

The Corporate Challenge has grown massively in its popularity since it began in 2008. The Greenpower technical regulations dictate that each team can only use six 12 volt batteries throughout the four hour endurance race and must use a minimum of three drivers.

On Sunday, the RLR1 team competed first in the Season Opener, a fun warm up race, where new drivers had their first opportunity to compete and placed 5<sup>th</sup>! They then moved onto



the Corporate Challenge 2012 where they placed 8<sup>th</sup>. Their performance won the attention of the competition Director who described himself as "impressed" by the team. Team Richard Lander Racing will now compete in the regional heats in a bid to reach the Goodwood Final once again this year.

Mr Lloyd-King said "The team were absolutely fantastic on the day, completing fast pit stops and managing their strategy brilliantly. We are looking forward to the rest of the Greenpower F24 racing season."





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#### Students Sample South American Culture during Languages Day



Year 8 students at Richard Lander took part in the school's first languages activity day last week. Pupils spent the day partaking in activities with a South American theme, designed to teach them about the language and culture of this fascinating continent in a fun and interesting way.

Capoeira: Students were taught some Portuguese, some culture and some new moves through this unique sport: a mixture of martial arts and dancing. Craig Blackburn (pictured) from Jinga Communities came in to deliver this.

South American cuisine: Students translated and followed a Spanish recipe for baked churros, a healthy version of these delectable desserts. Pupils widely agreed these were "delicious", "mouth-watering" and indeed "well lush".

Mexican arts: Pupils learned about Mexico's Day of the Dead and painted their own plaster of Paris versions of colourful sugar skulls.

Peruvian Project Catwalk: Year 8s designed and created outfits for themselves inspired by the bold and colourful prints and patterns that feature heavily in traditional Peruvian clothing. They used bio-degradable bin bags and other recycled materials to create a veritable plethora of fashion masterpieces.

Treasure Hunt: Students deciphered and followed Spanish language clues through every South American country, learning interesting facts along the way. They eventually tracked down the much sought after Lost Treasure of Mexico which turned out to be in the staff room. Ms Fewster, who organised the day: "Children have had a fabulous day and it's clear that they've learned from the activities. You know that something's gone well when students are still talking about it the next day!"



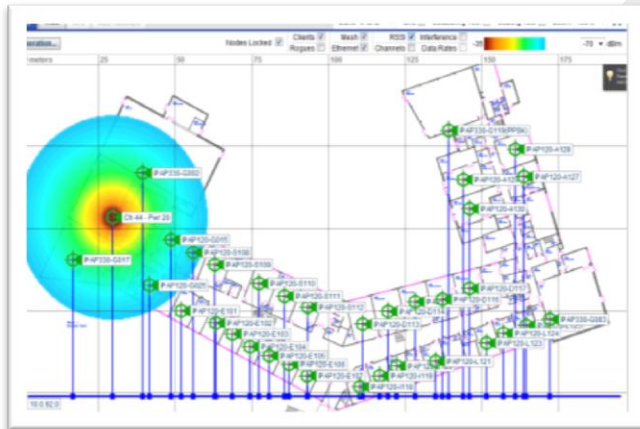


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#### Richard Lander is a Hive of Wireless Activity

Over the Easter break the entire school wireless system was replaced by a state of the art managed system. This involved installing a Aerohive wireless access points in each classroom. There are 84 in the school in total. The map below shows the ground floor and the range of just one of these access points. This upgrade was crucial to the performance of the schools 250 plus laptops. Early indications are that the improvement is dramatic with log on times being reduced to around 3 minutes.



“With our new wifi infrastructure , Richard Lander have leapt to the forefront of wireless technologies - allowing us to both get the best out of the equipment we have and also be able to confidently exploit new technologies for our students. The school governors have been particularly enthusiastic and supportive in helping us achieve this very important milestone in Richard Landers IT provision.”  
Mr Griffiths - Head of IT Infrastructure

**Blue Flame**  
(Cornwall) Ltd



#### Apprenticeship opportunity at Blue Flame (Cornwall) Ltd

We are looking to recruit 4 Apprentices commencing work with us in August 2012. Three will be working in our Gas and Renewable Energy divisions; one will join our electrical division.

In order to register an interest with us, should you wish to take up an exciting career with a local award winning company, then please come and join us at our **Apprenticeship Open Evening on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012, from 5.00 until 8.00pm**. On that evening you will be able to:

- Learn about the posts in more detail
- See presentations and learn about our company
- See presentations from our current apprentices (various levels)
- Meet our HR manager, divisional managers and directors
- Ask any questions you may have on Apprenticeships
- Meet representatives from Cornwall College Business on matters regarding a broader range of Apprenticeships, outside of what we can offer.
- Register your interest in applying for one of our posts

There will be refreshments available on the evening and you can view our premises and operations as part of the event. All we ask is that you contact us on 01326 378122 to advise us of your attendance, parents and potential applicants, so that we can cater for you accordingly.



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### A Message for Year 11 from Assistant Head Mr Burn

#### Before ½ term:

All Year 11 students are required to attend school until Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Until then, students follow a normal school day and attend tutor times, lessons and their scheduled exams. Full school uniform is required.

#### After ½ term:

We expect most students to attend school only when they have an exam. However, we do appreciate some students would rather work in school than at home. If students do choose to attend school for revision or private study, they must use the designated class room. As to which room this is, will be displayed each day on the notice board opposite Student Reception. Students must be in uniform for revision/private study sessions. Students must sign in and out at Student Reception when they arrive in/depart school for revision or for private study sessions.

Students should arrive in good time for their exams. All morning exams start at 9.00 am. All afternoon exams start at 1.00 pm.

Students should be in school by 8.30 am for morning exams, and by 12.30 pm if they have an afternoon exam. Lunch will be available from 12 noon until 12.20 pm for students who have an afternoon exam.

Full school uniform is required for all exams.

Students are expected to attend examinations with all the equipment they will need.

### Revising for your RE GCSE Exam

Year 10 short course RE Revision sessions are held every Tuesday lunchtime, course revision booklets have been issued to all students.

Year 11 full course RE Revision sessions are held every Monday lunchtime, course revision booklets have been issued to all students to aid revision.

(Mrs V Downing)

### GCSE French Revision

In preparation for your Listening and Reading exams on May 14th and 17th try checking out the following revision sites:

- \* BBC Bitesize - French - has listening and Reading tests at both Foundation and Higher levels plus audio bites, games and MUCH more: just follow the links!
- \* Linguascope.com. Yes! You've used it in class but you can also access it from home. Go to the Intermediate level, try out the scénettes de présentation and also the extras at the bottom of the menu.
- \* For £2.99 you can get a Linguascope App for your i phone with all your favourite language games!
- \* Did you know you can access Linguascope from any internet enabled phone? Just use <http://mobile.linguascope.com> (Mrs J Parker)

### History Revision

Students in Year 11 have one final exam to prepare for - Germany 1919-1945. All students have been issued with a revision book and revision activities are now being covered in lessons. All students are expected to attend the revision day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Students can also access revision materials online from the following websites:

[www.johndclare.net](http://www.johndclare.net)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize/history)

A Germany 1919-45 podcast can also be downloaded from

[www.mrallsophistory.com/revision.html](http://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision.html)

If you have any questions please e mail me at school: [rjarvis@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:rjarvis@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk)



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### Revision Support for Science

#### Year 11

All Y11 students have been issued with a list of dates and times of science revision classes. Students should check with their science teacher which classes to attend.

The science pages on the schools Moodle website has science revision resources, exam dates and links to useful websites. Students have workbooks, practice papers and can download the science textbook. When using GCSE Bitesize follow the links to **OCR Twenty First Century Science** then **pre- 2011 course index**.

#### Year 10

Science revision classes have been arranged as follows for the summer exams

#### Biology B1 B2 B3- exam date Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

B1 with Miss Hope- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1.15pm-2pm in lab 211

B2 with Miss Hope- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1.15pm- 2pm in lab 211

B3 with Miss Nowak- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1.15pm- 2pm in lab 213

#### Biology B4 B5 B6- exam date Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

B4 and B5 with Mrs Gourley- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 3.40pm -4.40pm in lab 110

B4,5,6 with Mrs Gourley- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1.15pm-2pm in lab 110

B5 and B6 with Mrs Gourley- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 3.40pm -4.40pm in lab 110

#### Chemistry C1 C2 C3- exam date Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

C1 and C2 with Miss Steen- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3.40-5pm in lab 210

C3 with Miss Steen- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1.15-2pm in lab 210

#### Chemistry C4 C5 C6- exam date Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

C4,5,6 with Ms Datson and Mrs Rea- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.40pm-4.40pm in lab 109

C4,5,6 with Ms Datson and Mrs Rea- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3.40pm-4.40pm in lab 109

#### Physics P1 P2 P3- exam date Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

P1 and P2 with Mr Lloyd King - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3.40pm-5pm in lab 111

P3 with Mr Tointon- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-1.45pm in lab 112

#### Physics P4 P5 P6- exam date Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

P4 and P5 with Mr Lloyd King- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3.40pm -5pm in lab 111

P6 with Mr Tointon- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-1.45pm in lab 112

Revision guides are available from the science prep room at a cost of £3.

When using GCSE Bitesize follow the links to **OCR Twenty First Century Science**.





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## GCSE Revision at Richard Lander

Year 11 GCSE **English Literature** revision sessions  
for the following exams

**A662 Modern Drama - An Inspector Calls**

**A663 Prose from Different Cultures - Of Mice and Men**

**A664 Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry - Animal  
Farm and Poetry Skills**

**A680 Information and Ideas**

Date	Tuesday lunchtime	Wednesday afterschool	Room
8th and 9th May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: Approaching an unseen poem	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Sentence structure	102
15th and 16th May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: AO1	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Choosing vocabulary for effect	102
22nd and 23rd May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: AO2	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Effective openings and endings	102

### Extra Resources

#### Moodle:

Moodle also has some revision resources that children can access from home through the GCSE English and English Literature option on the Moodle menu.

- A663 Prose from Different Cultures (Of Mice and Men) -copy of the novel and revision pack.
- A662 Modern Drama (An Inspector Calls) -2 revision packs and a copy of the play.
- A664 Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry -copy of the novel and link to the animated version of the novel.
- A680 Information and Ideas - resources focused on writing sentences and a revision pack to work through questions from both the reading and writing sections of the paper.Youtube:

Revision videos that support the OCR English curriculum can be accessed through the Teacherinmypocket channel:

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE8807DA854A2E0](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE8807DA854A2E0B7)

B7 Students can look at the following uploads for each exam:

- A663 Prose from Different Cultures : Of Mice and Men videos
- A664 Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry: Analysing unseen poetry videos

- A680 Information and Ideas: Top 5 writing tips
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/RevisionRocks?feature=watch> also has some handy revision clips. These are revision songs and, whilst entertaining, can be quite useful! There are uploads for:
- A663 Prose from Different Cultures : Of Mice and Men videos
- A662 Modern Drama: An Inspector Calls.
- Inspector Calls.

Students can look at the following uploads for each exam: GCSEPod also offers some revision clips

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9833B50B624FDC48&feature=plcp> Students can focus on the clips for:

- A663 Prose from Different Cultures : Of Mice and Men videos
- A664 Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry: Animal Farm

**Please be mindful that these videos are produced by students and teachers and are to be used as a support to studying and revision not as absolute answers.**

#### Revision guides:

Amazon sell OCR produced skills and practice books that can be used to support revision. These are available online from £5.85.





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### GCSE Mathematics Higher Level Revision classes

#### When and where?

Thursday Lunchtime from 1.35 – 2.20pm	Room 225
Tuesday after school from 3.30 – 4.15 pm	Room 225



Success comes in  
'cans' not 'can'ts'

#### Come along every week...

You can attend either session. If you are attending a lunch-time session, make sure you get permission from your tutor and that they know where you are. If you attend an after school session, make sure your parents know and you will need to arrange transport home.

#### We will revise....

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> / Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Factorise/solve quadratics
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> / Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Fractions inc. algebraic
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> / Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Index laws

#### Meet the Examiner...

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May we have organised two sessions (one at A/A\* level and the other at B/A level) with an examiner with over 20 years experience of marking GCSE papers. She has seen how students lose marks unnecessarily and how these accumulate over the course of an exam paper. The examiner knows the rationale behind the awarding, or not, of marks. She will help the students be smart about how they approach the questions in the exam so that they will perform to the best of their ability.

#### GCSE Mathematics Foundation Level Revision

#### At tutor time...

Mathswatch revision sessions take place in room 209 each day with a member of the department. Also small group tutoring has been organised for selected students.

#### GCSE Mathematics Revision Workshops Higher and Foundation levels

#### At half term...

These will take place at Richard Land School with members of the maths department on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am to 12:30 pm.



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#### **Before the exams...**

These will take place in the maths department on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June during periods 2 and 3.

**The exams** are on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June (no calculator paper) at 1 pm and on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (calculator paper) at 9 am. Don't forget to bring a black pen, pencil, ruler, protractor and compasses to both exams and a calculator to the second exam. Remember you can't use your phone or iPod!

### **GCSE Mathematics Revision Resources**

#### **Mathswatch**

This is available on Moodle. Log onto [www.richardlander.co.uk](http://www.richardlander.co.uk), go to 'STAFF & STUDENTS' and log into Moodle using your school user name and password. From the main menu on Moodle select year 11 revision resources. Mathswatch contains video clips covering GCSE all Foundation and Higher topics and explains how to answer examination questions. Students have been given a Mathswatch revision schedule.

NB Use Internet Explorer as your browser – not Chrome or Firefox.

**Revision guides** are on sale from the maths department at £2.75 (instead of the RRP of £4.99).

#### **GCSE Statistics Revision Workshops**

These will take place in the maths department on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June during periods 2 and 3.

**The exam is on** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm. You will need to bring a black pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, compasses and calculator. You can't use your phone or iPod.

**Don't dream of success.  
Wake up and work hard for it...**

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