



WEEKLY BULLETIN

6th September 2012



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Students and Parents

I welcome all students to a new school year and to building on the success of our students over the past few years.

The new Year 7 have already made a positive start – they look smart in their new school uniforms and staff tell me they have made a really good start to the year. I can already sense that this will be a terrific year group which will excel over the coming 5 years.

Can I encourage all students to look out for the messages regarding clubs and extra-curricular activities which staff will be running over the next few weeks. There is no better way to make new friends than by joining a club or taking part in some activity beyond the curriculum. It also helps students gain confidence and develop teamwork and leadership skills.

I wish you a good weekend.

Steve Mulcahy

Headteacher



Important Dates for your Diary

TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

8:20 am: Year 11 GCSE Maths Mock Exam

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5:00 pm Parents Meeting—Berlin Krakow Trip

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

11:00 am: Year 11 GCSE Maths Mock Exam

THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

6:30 pm: Year 7 Parents Induction Evening

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Greenpower at RNAS Merryfield

TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

17:20 pm: Year 10 AS Critical Thinking Taster Session

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Open Evening for Year 6 Students and Parents

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Photographs taken of Years 7, 10 and new students.

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

1:15 pm: PSD Awards Presentation in the Community Lounge.

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Year 10 Work Experience Parents Evening.

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Richard Lander School GCSE Results 2012

Well done to our Year 11 students who achieved really pleasing exam success this summer. 85% of students attained 5 or more A*-C grades which is a terrific achievement. In

addition to this, a third of students achieved 3 or more top grades (A* or A), and almost a quarter of students achieved 5 or more straight A or A* grades.

Special mention also should go to the following students, who each gained 10 or more straight A* grades: Madeleine

Barnett, Euan Bassey, James Healey and Emily Irwin.

On behalf of staff and Governors, may I congratulate Year 11 students on this success and wish them well for the future.

Steve Mulcahy - Headteacher

Note:

Parents will no doubt be aware of the current national issue surrounding the marking of English GCSE exams. We too have been affected by this issue and will make direct contact with any parent whose child may have been affected by this, with advice about next steps.

If you have any concerns or questions in this regard, please e-mail Mr Burn, Senior Assistant Headteacher, via the Enquiries school e-mail address.

A Very Warm Welcome to our New Year 7!

"Wow, it's big, but ever so exciting. I've enjoyed getting to look around my new school! The other students and teachers are friendly and helpful. I have been tired – lots of things to get used to, but it's a good tired. I know if I have any worries my Tutor will help, or Student Support. I know there are lots of new challenges to look forward to and by the end of next week I'll have met all my teachers. I'd recommend Richard Lander to anyone."

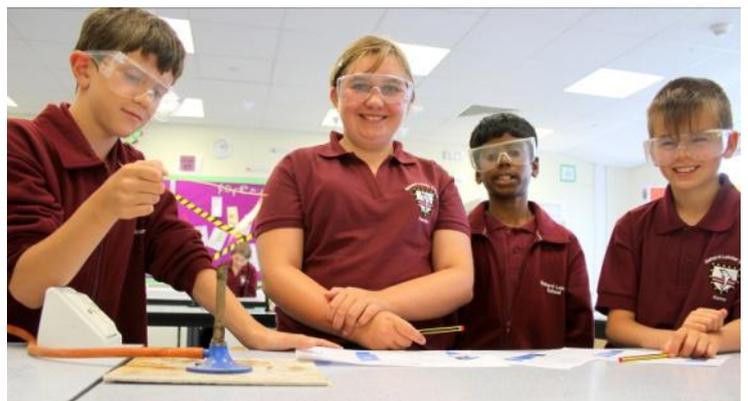
The above sums up the sentiments of our new Year 7 students following their first few days of life at Richard Lander School. They arrived with a mixture of emotions etched on their

faces, but ever so quickly appeared to settle in. They came with the smartest of uniforms (including the zip-up top) and kit ready for all of their lessons. Their politeness was noted by many from day one and this bodes well for the future.

We want this positive start to be a platform from which Year 7s can continue to work hard, succeed and enjoy life as part of the Richard Lander family. Should parents or carers ever have concerns please get in touch as a matter of urgency, that we might work together for the benefit of your child.

(By Mr C Vaughan – Assistant Headteacher)

Pictured below: Some Y7 students enjoy their first Science lesson. Grace Duffield (2nd from left) said "I loved my first day at Richard Lander. I was nervous to start with but with the help of my friends and awesome tutor, I can't wait for day 2!"





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Richard Lander Notice Board



Please could you pass the following invitation to any local friends or family members with Year 6 children. Thank you!

Richard Lander School invites Year 6 students and parents to our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 20th September from 5.00-8.00pm. There will

be the opportunity to tour the school, meet with students and staff and view some of our wonderful facilities. There will also be a variety of exciting activities to join in with, giving a flavour of what your child will experience at secondary school. The Headteacher's presentation will take place at 6:30 pm. **We look forward to meeting you!**

Do you run your own business? Would your employer consider taking a Work Experience Placement Student?

Each year Richard Lander students from Y10 do Work Experience placements. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain experience in a working environment and feedback forms always show that for many it is a very rewarding and empowering exercise.

If there are any parents or employers out there who would like to be involved in the Work Experience Programme, I would be only too happy to hear from you. The dates for 2013 are Mon 8th July to Fri 12th July.

Graham Stephens (Work Experience Coordinator RLS)
stephensg@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk
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Below: Magnet where Joe Ely, under the supervision of manager Mike Dennis, enjoyed learning about planning and designing kitchens this year.

Would you like a paperless, colour copy of the School Bulletin emailed to you weekly?

Black and white copies of the school weekly bulletin are handed out to students each week during tutor time on Friday. Bulletins and Community News issues are also available to view on the school website at richardlander.co.uk.

We also post copies of letters which have been sent home on the school website. (link at the bottom of the "Parents" tab.)

If you would like to receive these publications by email, as well, please contact Ellie Ijlin to be added to the distribution list:
eiljin@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

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We are Curves, a ladies gym in Truro, we have members who are parents and relatives of children at schools in Truro. Understanding the

present climate, the need to stay healthy and the amount of school holidays, we are running a trial scheme where ladies can bring in

this school newsletter and get a gym membership for only £20 a month if they come at the following times:
Weekdays:
9-10am, 2-3.30pm, 6-7pm
Saturday: 9-11am

Curves is a 30 min circuit which we run 3x a week. We also have Zumba circuits at no extra cost. Students from 14yrs can join at the same price. Bring this newsletter to Curves to take us up on the offer!

The Kitt Hicks Art Competition for Dyslexic Children



This competition is open to children who are dyslexic and living in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly aged 7 to 16.

Age groups: 7 to 11 and 12 to 16
Closing date: October 30th 2012

Exhibition of finalists at Hall for Cornwall
November 19th - 24th

Please visit our website to download an application form or e-mail us at enquiries@cornwalldyslexia.org.uk or call in at our drop-in centre 14 Lemon Street, Truro, TR1 2LS telephone: 01872 222911 - normally open Wednesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday mornings but please phone first to check.



Community Badminton at Richard Lander School

Community Badminton sessions are run in the Richard Lander School Sports Hall, entry is via the rear of the main building.

Sessions run every Wednesday, 7 to 9pm and Friday, 6 to 8pm during term time. The cost is £1 per hour that you play (so £2 for all night, £1.50 if you arrive late or leave at 8.30pm) and all equipment and plastic shuttlecocks are provided.

We play for fun with a variety of ages and abilities who all mix together for an enjoyable game of badminton without being too competitive. We do NOT enter any leagues or competitions. Help can be given if you are a beginner.

All are welcome, you do not have to have a connection to the school, though a lot of the players do, and we particularly encourage families to come along and play.

If you have any questions please contact the school and ask for Mr Robinson, who can answer any of your queries.