



WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th January 2010

Dear Parents,

I would like to focus my comments this week on Year 11, who are moving into the most critical phase of their education at Richard Lander.

Recent internal assessments suggest that the current Year 11 are on course to achieve the best GCSE grades recorded by the school. I am most pleased with their work ethic in class.

All research (and there has been lots of it!) evidences that students in their final year stand a greater chance of academic success when they start their revision programme early. This means that by the time of the Easter holidays, they are revisiting topics for the third or fourth time, not the first.

I would be expecting Year 11 students at this stage to be doing in the region of 2-3 hours work at home during weekdays, with the same amount done on at least one day each weekend. This time should be spent doing both homework and exam revision. Indeed, most subjects should now be setting revision tasks as part of their homework requirements. Please do check your child's planner each week for a record of what homework they need to be doing.

If your child has no homework or revision set, they should be making the most of the resources staff have provided on the Moodle facility. Students are well aware of the vast amount of resources on Moodle. Additionally, web resources such as BBC Bitesize provide valuable revision material.

Remember – tortoise and hares!

Kind regards,

Steve Mulcahy

Friends of Richard Lander Meeting 19th January 2010

The meeting which benefited from fuller attendance than in recent times began by focusing upon last year's activities, but then shifted to how the group's work could develop. A range of activities were discussed with the following decisions reached:

- The first activity to be organised will be a disco for Years 7 – 9. This will be held at a date immediately prior to the Easter break (possibly March 25th). Details will be circulated soon. At the meeting it was hoped that it would be held on a Friday but unfortunately it is more likely to be a mid-week evening (7.00 - 9.00)
- Support for our sister school in New Bussa, Nigeria was seen to be a worthy focus for fund raising this year, although some views hoped that we might also be able to support school based activities as has been the case in previous years.

Parents were appreciative of the provision of events such as the Year 7 Cheese and Wine evening and the SRE and ICT consultation events. So far we have not received a great deal of feedback regarding what other information evenings are desired by parents. We will do our best to provide events that our parents/families think will be useful.

Suggested date for next meeting is: 2nd March 2010 (6 – 7) at which we will plan the disco event.

Phil G

Health Club

Every Tuesday from 3:45-5:15pm students and parents exercising together using sports facilities at the school. £1 per sessions for all participants



Key Dates for your Diary

Tues 2nd Feb – Meet the examiner Forum
Thurs 4th Feb – Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm-7pm
Tues 9th Feb – School Production
Wed 10th Feb – School Production
Thurs 11th Feb – School Production
Fri 12th Feb – Yr 9 PD & History visit to London
Poetry Live Plymouth

February 15th – 19th HALF TERM

Tues 23rd Feb – Phoenix Project
Year 11 Study Day
Tues 25th Feb – Dartmoor Challenge

Tues 2nd March – Year 11 Study day
Thurs 4th March – Rugby U13s West Cornwall 7s (Yr8)
Year 7 G & T visit to Truro Museum

Tues 9th March – Rugby U14s West Cornwall 7s (Yr 9)

Mon 22nd March – Yr 8 Paris Trip
Tues 23rd March – Year 7 reports home
Wed 24th March – Rugby U16s West Cornwall 7s (Yr10)
Cornwall College Taster Days
Thurs 25th March – Rugby U12s West Cornwall 7s (Yr 7)
Cornwall College Taster Days

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCE:

In the event of a student being absent please call our 24 hour absence line on 01872 273772. Holidays should only be taken with consent of the Head teacher and holiday forms can be obtained through Student Reception.



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**Invest your time now
and enjoy
GCSE Success
in the Summer**

Do you want to do well in your GCSEs this summer?

Do you find it difficult to settle to work and revision at home?

Would you like to have staff and resources nearby to assist you in your revision?

Would you like to be able to tell your parents and teachers that you are taking your revision and exams seriously?

THEN.....

COME TO THE LIBRARY ON MONDAYS TUESDAYS
WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
FROM 3.30 — 4.30

Drinks and biscuits will be supplied!

REVISION AND SPECIALIST SEMINARS WILL BE HELD

BUS TIMETABLES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

BEGINS MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2010