



WEEKLY BULLETIN

26th February 2010

Ten Tors

Saturday 20th February saw the second walk for the Ten Tors 2010 team. They navigated themselves across Bodmin Moor going over Rough Tor and reaching Brown Willy, (Cornish Bron Wennyly, meaning swallows' hill) at 1,375 feet, it is the highest point on the moor and offered superb views in the clear weather stretching from the coasts.

The team showed great teamwork and had a great second day at Truro college planning their route for their first Dartmoor camp in a few weeks time.



Lost Property

There is a great deal of lost property that is unclaimed each month. Should your child lose something he/she should enquire at Student Reception. Students are regularly provided with the chance to look through lost property but very few choose to do so. Should you become aware that items have been lost, please ensure that your son/daughter follows this procedure.

At the moment we have a lot of PE bags at student reception, please ask your child to look if they have lost theirs.

SCHOOL TEAM SHOW JUMPING

The School Team Show Jumping competition took place on Friday 19th February at Colrairie Equestrian Centre. We took two teams from Richard Lander to enter in the Open Competition and the Novice Competition. The Open Team was Natalie Pastor, Emily Dunstan, Vicky Cook and Millie Heywood. The Novice Team was Rachel Priestland-Hearn (riding two ponies), Becky Head and Saffie O'Keeffe. The course was very difficult and the girls finished seventh out of twelve in the open competition which was over an 85cm and 90cm course. The novice team enjoyed more success by winning on the lower course of 75cm and 80cm jumps out of twelve teams. They jumped eight superb clear rounds and managed to win by 15 seconds.



PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCE

In the event of a student being absent please call our 24 hours 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.

Poetry Live.

Richard Lander made a fashionably late entrance to the poets equivalent of Glastonbury festive; Poetry live in Plymouth Guild hall, arriving just in time to catch Gillian Clarke's intriguing rendition of her poems.

The students listened to the presentation of poems, as featured in the 'Anthology' including such renowned names as the poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, the hilarious Simon Armitage and the enthusiastic John Agard.

We as members of the audience felt privileged to have experienced such first hand reading of the poems we will be studying for GCSE.

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

On Wednesday 24th February Richard Lander took part in the second round of Rotary's Youth Speaks competition. Schools over the South West have taken part and in this round Camborne School won first place, with Richard Lander second and Truro High third.

Our team of three had Chris Peters as the speaker, Hannah Whitbread as the Chairperson and Narissa Parry as the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Their speech was entitled "Sitius, altius, fortius" – "Faster, higher, stronger" – the motto of the Olympic Games, which was the subject of their speech.

Richard Lander have now gone through to the County final and will be competing on Saturday 6th March at Bodmin School.

Charlie Johnstone, Year 8



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Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure this week to attend the Truro Combined Schools Art Event, hosted at the Lander Gallery in Truro. This project, led by Ms Toy and the Richard Lander Art department, involves schools across Truro working in collaboration, leading to this headline event.

So, our Year 8 students have been working on a joint theme with students from The Roseland School, Penair School, Pencalenick School, Truro High School, Truro School, Education out of School Service and Community and Hospital Education Service on the theme: **History and Architecture of the City of Truro.**

May I thank staff for all the hard work that has gone into preparing for this event and congratulate our students on their high standards of work; they are a credit to the school.

Do pop along to the Lander Gallery over the next couple of weeks as the exhibition of student work will be displayed until Monday 11th March. I am sure you will be impressed.

Steve Mulcahy



Uniform

The uniform that our students wear is generally well received and in particular is much admired by visitors and members of the public. To maintain this pleasing level of appearance we need to ensure that all students respect our guidelines that are both simple and clear. Below is the uniform guidance that is provided in the student planner.

Girls

Plain black trousers or skirt – no fashion extremes, extreme lengths, denim or cord etc. Skirts must be knee length and appropriate (not tight).

Burgundy polo shirt (with school logo)

Burgundy zip fronted top or black microfleece (with school name)

Black or white socks/tights – black tights must be worn with skirts.

All black, appropriate shoes – With no logos or other colours. No high heels, steel toe caps, fashion trainers or boots etc.

Plain, slim black belt

Boys

Black Trousers – No fashion extremes, extreme lengths, denim or cord etc.

Burgundy polo shirt (with school logo)

Burgundy zip fronted top or microfleece (with school name)

Black or white socks

All black, appropriate shoes – With no logos or other colours. No high heels, steel toe caps, fashion trainers or boots etc.

Plain, slim black belt

No non-uniform tops to be worn once inside the building. These should be placed into lockers for safekeeping.

The wearing of make up and nail varnish is NOT allowed in school. Only one small plain ring can be worn on each hand, and a wrist watch. Other jewellery should not be worn in school. If you wear earrings you should only wear small studs at school in each ear. No other facial studs are permitted for reasons of health and safety.



Key Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 8th March – Friday 12th March
Truro Music Festival
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
Lower School Disco 7:30 – 9:30pm

We are now collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids** vouchers for schools. In the past this project has been very successful and we have purchased new sports equipment which includes team strips, rowing machines and lots more. We would very much appreciate your support in collect these vouchers which are being collected at Student Reception in the Active Kids Boxes.
Thank you again for your ongoing support.
A Durant