

Dear Parents,

As we move towards the Christmas period, may I thank all parents for their valued support this term. It really has been an unprecedented time and I am sure we are all relieved about the development and rollout of new vaccines. I hope that by the end of the academic year, we may return to some sense of normality in school.



Our students have been great in terms of their cooperation with all we have asked of them this year. We are so appreciative of this.

Thank you to parents too, for your support for the school and your understanding of the changes to rules and systems in the school. Your support has ensured that we are able to get on with the job of supporting all our young people. Again we are so appreciative of this.

Do have a restful Christmas and New Year break and let us all stay safe in line with government recommendations for social distancing.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school in the new year.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy,

Steve Mulcahy Headteacher

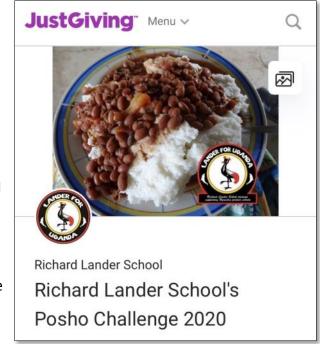
Posho and Beans Challenge!

Ver 170 students and 40 members of staff will be eating the typical Ugandan diet of 'posho and beans' on Monday 14th December. Today students are picking up their 'posho' kits with the ingredients and recipes for breakfast and an evening meal.

We aim to raise money from this challenge so that our partner schools in Uganda can grow their own food and 1,000 students can have a school meal every day for a year. Our JustGiving total currently stands at £4,334 and we are so very grateful to all our amazingly generous sponsors; particularly in these troubled times! Thank you all!

It's never to late to sign up or to donate! If any parent would like to donate to this cause, they can do so through the JustGiving site below. If parents do donate, please also fill in the gift aid section which means the government will contribute a further 25p for every £1 raised:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-lander-school



WEBALE!!

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RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN: 10TH DECEMBER 2020

Dates for your diary

Parents of Year 11 students:
Please be advised that PPE exams
(mocks) are due to take place starting
Monday 4th January. All Year 11
students should spend time in the
next few weeks revising for these
exams.

Every Tuesday and Friday in November and December— Year 11 Careers Interviews with Careers 4 U

DECEMBER

Friday 11th

Cooking Workshop for Year 7 Pupil Premium Students
Friday 11th /Monday 14th/
Tuesday 15th/Wednesday 16th/
Thursday 17th
Lander4Uganda Santa Runs!

Monday 14th
Lander4Uganda Posho and Beans
Challenge!

Monday 14th/Tuesday 15th/ Wednesday 16th

Y11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Assessments Governors Meeting—FGB Friday 18th

Last day of Term. School ends at 12:00 Non Uniform—Bring an item for Truro Food Bank or £1 donation.

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY

Monday 4th January
1st day of Spring Term
Monday 4th - Friday 22nd
Year 11 Pre Public exams
Monday 4th - Friday 15th
Year 9 Progress Reviews
Wednesday 13th
Governors Meeting—FGB/Data
Protection
Thursday 21st

Year 10 Parents Evening (Online)
Wednesday 13th
Governors Meeting—Students ar

Governors Meeting—Students and Curriculum

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10th
Governors Meeting—Personnel

Thursday 11th
Year 11 PPE Results Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February HALF TERM BREAK

Wednesday 24th
Governors Meeting—Policy

MARCH

Thursday 4th
Year 11 Parents Evening (Online)
Wednesday 10th
Governors Meeting—Finance
Monday 15th

School Immunisation—

Teenage Booster and Meningitis ACWY vaccination. Year 9 boys and girls and outstanding Year 10 students.

Tuesday 15th—Friday 26th March Year 7 Progress Reviews Tuesday 16th—Friday 26th March Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Assessments Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd GCSE Drama Practical Exams (C3) Wednesday 10th Governors Meeting—FGB

RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD LAST DAY OF TERM—TRURO FOODBANK

Chool will finish at 12:00 on Friday 18th December. This will be a non-uniform day and students are asked to bring in either a non perishable item, or £1 donation for Truro Food Bank.

Team 7SNi are leading this collection and have been gathering items since the beginning of December.

Please see the poster on the following page for the best things to bring in. Whilst we love your Christmas spirit and generosity, it is unlikely our donations will be given out until the new year, so please don't feel you need to buy something especially Christmassy.





RLS NOTICEBOARD Continued..

SANTA RUNS 2020

Santa has been outside Student Reception this week and has been recruiting for his fun runs, so next week promises to be hilarious! All proceeds to Lander4Uganda



MERITS—WEEKS 12 & 13

Ongratulations to those students who topped the merit board for their year group in the last 2 weeks!

They include:

Week 12

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14th - 18th December

Santa Fun Run

Around the school site Approx. I mile

- Alyssa Hamilton (7JRo) in Year 7
- Joe Goodwin (8TOc) in Year 8
- Imogen Gilbert (9JGi) & Matthew Upton (9SMI) in Year 9
- Pip McKay (10CAb), Wen Jing Zhen (10LCh) & Ruan Hay (10BLu) in Year 10
- In Year 11 Jonathan Golley (11DDa) & Mackenzie
 Miles (11CAs) achieved the highest amount of merits

Week 13

- Lola Broderick (7HMo) Zeke Westcott (7JRo) & Matilda Roach (7LFd) in Year 7
- Jack Stevenson (8DMe) in Year 8
- Kian Wilkins (9GFo) & Ed Butler (9ANr) in Year 9
- Stanley Matthews (10PCo) in Year 10
- In Year 11 Jack Buxton (11PSh) achieved the highest amount of merits



We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food

- · Breakfast cereals
- Rice
- · Tinned beans/sphaghetti
- · Tinned meat/fish
- · Tinned vegetables (but not tomatoes)
- Tinned fruit
- · Tinned custard/puddings
- Coffee
- Long-life fruit juice
- Long-life milk
- Biscuits
- Snacks

We would also welcome household items like washing powder, washing up liquid, cleaning sprays etc.

We don't need:

- tinned tomatoes
- pasta sauce
- tinned soup
- pasta
- toiletries
- items for Christmas



CHRISTMAS COOKING COMPETITION

- A Open to all year groups
- Cook or bake something Christmassy. It can be either sweet or savoury
- A Prizes for the winners
- ☆ Take a photo and email to Mrs Jones at:
- ljones@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk
- ☆ Deadline for entries: Tue 15th Dec



SCHOOL BUS PROTOCOL

lease can parents whose children use the school bus service reinforce to their children the importance of observing the protocols of using the bus service during this pandemic. Government advice is that students should remain in their year group bubbles both whilst waiting for the bus and also whilst on the bus. At Richard Lander School, we ask that Year 7 sit at the front of the bus, moving upwards in year groups so that Year 11 are at the back. Additionally, it is important that students wear their face covering for the full duration of the bus journey.

School bus journeys are the closest that our children come in contact with others in a different bubble and as it is a confined journey, the risk of virus transmission through aerosols is higher than it is in a class room or corridor space. Therefore it is important that all students follow good practice around keeping safe.

We have had concern raised from some parents that not all students are wearing face coverings whilst on the journey to and from school. It is important that all students supports the school's guidance on this matter.

ONLINE PARENTS' EVENINGS

arental feedback from the recent online parents' evening was largely positive. The key piece of feedback from parents was that (a) it enabled more parents to attend the evening, without the rush of coming into school from work, (b) the appointment schedule was kept to time, with every parent being able to access their allotted appointments at the scheduled times. If there is any further feedback from the online parents' evenings we have already conducted, please do email Clare Beech, Assistant Headteacher who leads on this aspect of our work CBeech@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

SOLAR PANELS!

We are in the final stages of negotiating with the Local Authority to have solar panels installed on the roof of the school, which should in principle, deliver all the electricity needs for the school. These would be

owned by the Local Authority and is likely to be a £200,000 capital cost. Parents will be aware that sustainability issues are so important to the school and our student eco-body is very proactive. Should we be able to complete on this project it will be a major statement about our green credentials and a testimony to the work of our students who along with the senior team, have met with the Local Authority in recent months to discuss this project. We will keep parents informed as we hear of further progress.

GOODBYE PIXIE—WE WILL MISS YOU!



At the end of this term we will say goodbye to one of longest standing members of staff. Pixie - who manages our canteen—is leaving to work with her daughter after 25 years of feeding Richard Lander School students and staff. It can't be easy to feed over 1000 people a day but Pixie has never let us down. We have been enjoying our Christmas roast dinners over the past two weeks— Turkey or Vegan Wellington with her wonderful roast potatoes and all the trimmings, followed by Plum Pudding with Vanilla Sauce or Christmas Cupcake. Thank you Pixie for all your hard work and good luck with your new adventure!









CAREERS MEETINGS

Year 11 students have been finding their career meetings very useful.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's post 16 options please do not hesitate to get in contact – ngrenfell@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

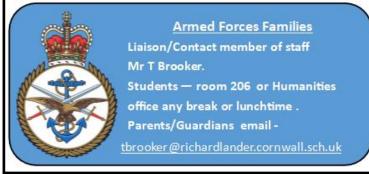
Careerpilot

Year 9 had their sessions to introduce them to Careerpilot on Friday 27th November and Friday 11th December. We use this site to support our students through their career journey. It gives them information about different jobs that they might be interested in around the subjects that they like. There are also quizzes that they can do to see what skills they have. Students have access to this site in school and at home.

We also use the site in Year 11 to record and support students with their post 16 guidance.

Mrs Grenfell





Photography competition winners



Aisling Cook

Malu Robinson

Well done to all students who entered the recent Photography competition. After shortlisting the entries we set up an online voting system so that everyone in school could vote for their favourite photographs. We ended up with joint winners, Aisling Cook in Year 11 with her lovely atmospheric photograph of surfers and Malu Robinson in Year 8 with her fantastic black and white image of people on a beach. Thank you to everyone who entered and voted.

Mrs Dalby, Head of Art

Just One Breath BREATHING ACTIVITY



Find a relaxing place, sit comfortably, and set a timer for one minute.

Breath deeply in and out while paying attention to any sensations you notice or sounds you hear.





Take another slow deep breath, imagine the air moving down into the lungs and back up.

Take one more deep breath and hold for a moment, then release it.





UPDATE FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT THE RLS TAPESTRY 2020!

As we all know 2020 has been a very unusual year Here at Richard Lander we would like to commemorate this year by creating something together that represents how we felt about 2020.



The Bayeux
Tapestry tells the
story of the events
surrounding the
conquest of
England in 1066 by
the Duke of
Normandy. It is a

story told in embroidery on a 70 metre piece of cloth.



This is a more recent tapestry created by the well known artist Grayson Perry and shows a modern side to life.

We are aiming to create our own RLS tapestry that will tell our story of 2020. This will be something that we can look back on years to come. We want EVERYONE at RLS to get involved and create a square that will then be sewn together to create our own tapestry to represent 2020. It may even rival the 70 metres of the Bayeux tapestry!

All students in Year 7,8 and 9 will receive a square of fabric in their art lesson. All Year 10 and 11 students will receive a square of fabric in tutor time. Staff will also receive squares of fabric.

We would then like you to decorate your square over the Christmas holiday and bring it back in the first two weeks of January. After that all the squares will be sewn together to create the tapestry and it will go on to be displayed in school.

You can decorate your square any way that you like . For example :

- Draw on it with pen
- Draw on it with pencils



- •Use oil pastels / fabric pens
- Paint on it
- •Glue materials on it
- •Sew on it
- •Use a variety of materials The choice is yours.

We ask that whatever you choose to put on your square represents something that happened in 2020 or represents how you felt about 2020. Here are a few ideas...

Equality

Climate Emergency

Coronavirus Pandemic

Lockdown

Politics

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A MUSICAL RLS CHRISTMAS!

e hope you have been enjoying our daily 'RLS Musical Advent Calendar' '12 Days of Christmas Challenge' posts on Instagram and Facebook. We have been thoroughly blown away by the remarkable talent of our students and their musical performances have cheered us up no end on these dark winter mornings. Huge thanks to Merryn, Harry, George, Mr Bridger, Ms Abbotts, Aubury, Jackson, Seffie,





Perdy, INACTIVE, Matilda, Chanel, Autumn, Pen & Jake. We still have a week to go so be





sure to watch our social media for more musical wonders and also our mass ensemble piece 'Merry

Christmas
Everyone'
which will be
mixed and
uploaded
before the end
of term!









TEYAH RAISES £3000 FOR 'GUIDE DOGS'

eyah Ferry, in Year 7, completed her hundredth lap of Perranporth boating lake on Saturday 21st November raising a staggering £3000 for 'Guide Dogs'!

Teyah, who is part of Richard Lander's ARK, is severely sight impaired but this did not deter her from undertaking this incredible challenge. Teyah will one day have a guide dog of her own and has been on the waiting list for a buddy dog for 6 years. Her dream finally came true and she received 'Lottie', a Labrador, a few weeks ago. Teyah wanted to give back to the charity and decided to complete her fund raiser. This was no easy feat for Teyah as she also has low muscle tone due to a brain condition.

Teyah took 40 days to complete her 100 laps and for her last three laps on Saturday she was accompanied by Lottie. Teyah has walked 61,700 steps, burn 3,600 calories and walked or 657 minutes!

Teyah, you are an inspiration to us all!



UPDATE FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

THE TRUE SOLUTIONS TO PLASTIC POLLUTION - LISTENING TO THE NEXT GENERATION

n Wednesday 18th November, Geography students in 9LD and 9RE were able to take part in a remote presentation 'The True Solutions to Plastic Pollution - Listening to the next generation' hosted by Surfers Against Sewage. Speakers from all over UK appeared before us discussing and informing us of ways to solve the plastic pollution problem. It is one that is very pressing as it's estimated that there are 5000 Items of marine plastic pollution per mile of beach in the UK! Speakers came from a range of perspectives including broadcaster and writer, Lucy Seigle, and Director of the Marine Institute at Plymouth University, Dr Richard Thompson. Being within a coastal community, we are sure RLS students will be part of the solution and provide a better future for the planet.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2022 - QATAR

ome of the students in Year 7 Geography homework have been tasked with providing a guide for football fans planning a trip to Qatar for the FIFA World Cup 2022. We have been blown away by the effort and quality of guides we have had in so far! Miss Robertson is looking forward to making a new display!











Lear 7 Castle Competition

Your homework project will be to produce a model of a <u>Medieval</u> castle. Class judging will take place in the weeks beginning 4^{th} January and 11^{th} January.

There will be small prizes for the best 3 castles in each teaching group and larger prizes for the tops 3 castles overall. The overall winners will be announced on Friday 15^{th} January.

Castles will be judged by your History teacher and the History Department.

Judges will be looking for historical accuracy as well as imagination.

Ideas of materials to use could be - cardboard, paper, wood, metal, fabric, cake! - do discuss ideas with your history teacher

Maximum measurements of the castle base should be 50cm x 50cm

How do you enter?

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to judge the castles in school during our lessons, we also cannot store the castles as we would do usually.

- Please build your castle and upload photographic evidence of it and a piece
 of writing to explain what type of castle you have built, its defensive
 features and how you built it.
- You must also upload 3 photographs: one being a close up of the castle, the second being a picture of you making it and finally one of you holding your castle.
- You should upload your work to your class on Moodle login and go to 'My Timetable'. Select your History class on either week.
- You will see a 'Castle hand in Folder' for your class. Please select that and drag and drop your photos and writing into that folder. Your writing could also be a picture of your written work, not necessarily a word document.

Please submit your entries before or on the 4^{th} January as this will give us time to judge them and provide feedback.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

CORNWALL COUNCIL PARENTING PODCASTS

The RLS Safeguarding team recommend Cornwall Council's new parenting podcasts. All the information on where to find these is below.



Parenting Podcasts

We are proud to present our new Parenting Podcasts.

You can find the podcasts on all the major platforms:

Listen on Apple

Listen on Spotify

Don't forget to follow us on the following social media platforms:

To keep up to date, please follow our social media feeds at:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/tffcornwall

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE

CUNCH LINE CHRONICLES

Cunch is slang for drug running and is associated with County Lines.

This game promotes such activity and as parents, Devon and Cornwall Police would like you to be aware of the dangers of this APP.



There are concerns about its potential influence on vulnerable young people as it has themes of drugrunning, CSE and grooming.

Please be alert to what your young person/persons are playing and discuss the issues with them. If you have

any concerns please contact Richard Lander School Safeguarding Team – Mrs Y Rippon and Mrs K Towers, or report the matter directly to Devon and Cornwall Police should you feel that you need further support.

"Child criminal exploitation is common in County Lines and occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual into carrying and delivering of drugs.

Please note that the title of the GAME is CUNCH lines and not CRUNCH line.









iPhone and iPad Apps

A light hearted, satirical take on the darker side of urban UK culture

This is not your usual casual game! Cunch-line Chronicles is an endless 2d runner game that moves away from the common fantasised, softcore concept and leans more towards the gritty reality of life, while keeping a comedic factor.





Guaranteed to make you feel hungry! Year 8 - Home Cooking Chilli!

DISCOVER TASTER DAYS

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Try a subject before you apply

Our taster days are ideal if you are in year 10 or 11 and would like to experience a range of subjects before applying for a course.

Bicton College

Wed 28 Oct 9.30am - 3.15pm Wed 17 Feb 9.30am - 3.15pm Wed 2 Jun 9.30am - 3.15pm

Cornwall College Camborne & St Austell

Twilight sessions are available throughout the year, please visit our website for more details.

Cornwall College

Newquay Tue 16 Feb 10am - 3pm Tue 1 Jun 10am - 3pm

Duchy College Rosewarne

Wed 28 Oct 10am - 3pm Wed 17 Feb 10am - 3pm Wed 7 Apr 10am - 3pm

Duchy College Stoke Climsland

Tue 27 Oct 9am – 5pm Tue 16 Feb 9am – 5pm Tue 1 Jun 9am - 5pm

Falmouth Marine School

Sat 24 Oct 1pm - 4pm³ Sat 21 Nov 1pm - 4pm Sat 6 Feb 1pm - 4pm Sat 27 Mar 1pm - 4pm *watersports event only









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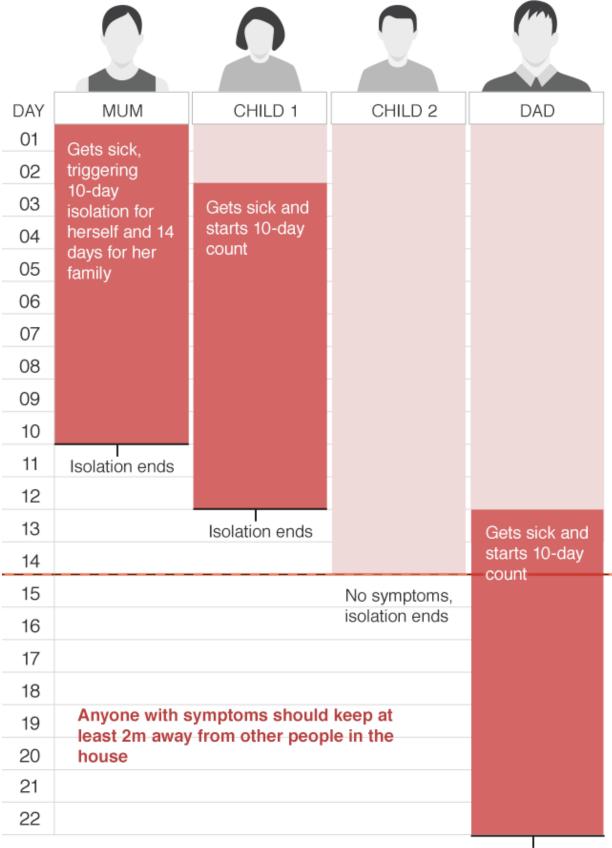


Register for a taster day by visiting www.cornwall.ac.uk/events-and-tasters



Richard Lander School - A Covid Secure School

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



Isolation ends

People may be able to pass on coronavirus without showing any symptoms



Are you worried about a child or young person?

If you think a child or young person might be suffering neglect or abuse contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU)

If you see something, say something

- **2**0300 1231 116
- multiagencyreferralunit @cornwall.gov.uk

Whilst you may be concerned about involving our services, we do more than check up on children and young people's welfare.

If a family is struggling, we can organise early help and support for them, before any problems become harder to solve.

What information do I need to give?

The more detail you are able to provide, the better we will be able to help.

If you have noticed that something wrong, other people might have too. A teacher, health visitor or other person that knows the family might have already alerted us, and your knowledge might fill in some missing information that can help.







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WE'RE DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY, BUT WE'RE STILL HERE TO SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY











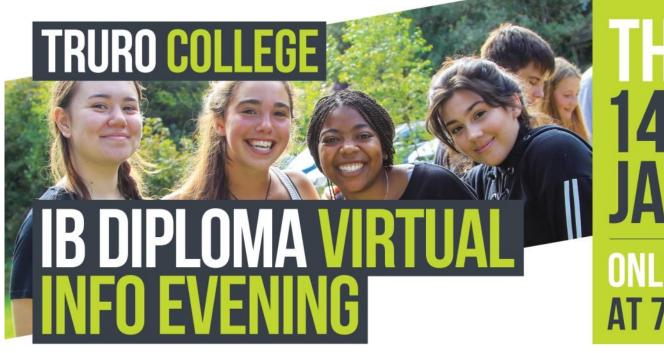












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Chat to tutors online Tour the virtual campus Explore your options



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Climate Calling 2021 Calling all climate activists!

#TreverbynYCA2021 provides expert advice, workshops, presentations to help you fight for causes important to you!

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THINKING &
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Mission to Mars Year 10 Work Experience 2021

The application process has begun for Year 10s for their work experience next year. Working on the presumption that we will all be able to get together the Mission will return to Heartlands in July. Recent virtual work experience sessions may mean that we might offer the experience as a hybrid experience too. Students working remotely in collaboration with those at Heartlands. Time will tell, as always.

Mission to Mars is based around teams of 4 or 5 students working together to develop the software for a Martian rover following development stories set by their client. Passing a task is rewarded but failures come with a price. Teams must budget their production costs and work to deadlines. Students work with assistance from software developers form Cornish companies and enjoying visits from other tech companies from the region. If they are interested in tech then this work experience is a must.

Our YouTube channel may help your students in making the decision.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PW9yTjzM rg&t=3s

Applications are made online through the Software Cornwall website.

https://softwarecornwall.org/learn/education-outreach-activities/mission-to-mars/mission-to-mars-july-12th-16th-2021/

Book quickly as places are always over subscribed.



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Sat 30 Jan 10am - 12pm

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