



Over 100 Santas took part in the Lander4Uganda Santa Run this week. Unfortunately the weather was beastly but that didn't stop them from doing 'the conga' in the corridors, dancing to 'Shakin' Stevens in the hall and running outside long enough to take this photo!

#### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January 2020 CHRISTMAS BREAK

#### **JANUARY**

Monday 6th January
FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Monday 6th January - Friday 17th January

**Year 9 Progress Reviews** 

Wednesday 8th

Business Studies Revision Session 18:00—Year 11: Meet the Examiner

Thursday 9th

17:00—Year 9 Options Evening Wednesday 15th

**Anti Bullying Training Day** 

**Thursday 16th** 

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 16th / Friday 17th
Year 9 Career Pilot Sessions

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th

Ten Tors Camping Weekend Fox & Hounds, Dartmoor

Monday 20th

Eco Team - Visit to the Energy From Waste Facility

Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd

English Week
Tuesday 21st

**Immunisation Day - Year 9** 

Friday 24th

Schools Winter Games—Year 7
Netball at Truro School
Sunday 26th

South West Milano Gymnastics Competition

Wednesday 29th

Governors Meeting — Students and Curriculum

**Thursday 30th** 

17:00 Year 11 Parents Evening

#### **FEBRUARY**

Sunday 2nd

South West Floor and Vault Competition

Monday 3rd February - Friday 14th February

**Year 10 Progress Reviews** 

**Thursday 6th** 

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Friday 7th

**Year 5/6 Table Tennis Festival** 





n Thursday 10th December, Christmas arrived for Richard Lander School families, with our annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, held at Truro Cathedral.

Miss Jones, Director of Music, Miss Foxon and Mr Gibbons, along with the school musical ensembles and choirs, and their musical instrument teachers, brought us a truly uplifting evening of music to really get us into the festive mood.

The evening started with a selection of our most talented voices singing 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' to a Cathedral lit only by candles, held by year 7 and 8 students who processed down the central aisle. Pheobe Collishaw, from year 7, sang the first verse of

> 'Once in Royal David's City' as an acapella solo; her wonderful clear voice ringing out in the Cathedral; before the congregation joined in on the second verse.

We were treated to performances from the Whole School Voices & Carol Orchestra of 'Carol of the Bells' 'Walking in the Air' 'Angels in the Bleak Midwinter' and 'Gaudete', whilst the Brass









Ensemble, led by Mr Greaves, played Handel's 'Hallelujah'. Senior Choir sang 'Suantraí ár Slánaitheora' by Sheán Og O Tuama and A. Adams' 'O Holy Night' and our youngest singers performed 'Suogân' by S. Hope, 'Seasons of Peace' by M. Patterson and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' by R.Blane. Changing Voices gave us a really lovely rendition of 'White Christmas' and Richard Lander School's best public speakers delivered the disciple's lessons in between the music, with the congregation joining in to sing well known carols.



The evening finished with our unaccompanied selected voices singing Hodie Christus Natus Est, and the congregation left Truro Cathedral feeling warm in our hearts and festive in spirit!

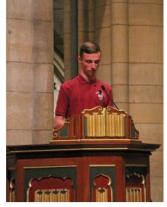












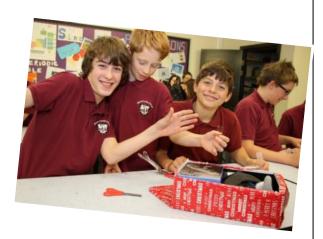


#### Richard Lander School Students - Giving at Christmas!



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 39 SHOEBOXES OF PRESENTS GOING TO GOOD HOMES!

Well done PRHa who led the Operation Christmas Child effort this year. They made up 39 boxes which were taken to the distribution centre at the beginning of the month. That's 39 children having a happy Christmas who would otherwise have received no gifts! Thank you so much to everyone who collected gifts, contributed to the transport costs, or wrapped the boxes!



#### BAKE SALE AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL AT CHRISTMAS!

These wonderful students, completely off their own bat, held a bake sale in school and raised £70. They decided that they wanted to do something for children who have to spend Christmas in hospital, so they bought Christmas presents for them!

The staff at Royal Cornwall Hospital's Children's ward were especially pleased with these as our students chose presents for teenagers and this is the age group they find hardest to choose for.

Thank you, and a merry Christmas to all NHS staff who will be there for us this Christmas, as well as the rest of the year, to make sure we are cared for when things don't go according to plan.





#### Richard Lander School Students - Giving at Christmas!



Thank you to all our families who have contributed to the reverse advent initiative. This was led by PSNi and saw tutor groups collecting 1 item of food on the 1st December, 2 items on the 2nd December.. etc

The first photo here was taken on Tuesday and by Wednesday the table was absolutely covered in food! 3 representatives from PSNi went down to Truro Foodbank to make the donation, we met the trustees and had a tour. It was lovely to see Mrs Vincent, our previous head of Mathematics, there and it's really good to know we've done our bit to make sure local people don't go hungry this Christmas. Our last day of term will be a non uniform day and we are asking students to contribute either £1 or a food donation for Truro Foodbank to enable us to give even more.

#### LANDER 4 UGANDA 2020 - THE FUNDRAISING STORMS ON!

Well done to all the Lander4Uganda students who have been working so hard this term to raise as much money as they can for our Ugandan partner schools and the communities which surround them. They have made Christmas gifts, sold mulled wine and mince pies at the Informal Carol Service, held multiple bake sales during school break times and lunchtimes, sold second hand school uniform and taken part in their own individual fundraising efforts as well! A huge thank you to all the L4U students who have taken part in supermarket bag packs and thank you to Tesco Redruth and Morrison's Newquay for having us. The students you see here were part of a team who collected a staggering £1016.33 at Redruth Tesco on a rainy Sunday in November! Overall the L4U2020 team have raised nearly

£20,000 this term! Incredible!







his Tuesday our most musical students performed at the Informal Carol Service, held in school, to the delight of their families and the RLS students and teachers.

This event might not offer the majesty of the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, but is more of a chance for us all to let our hair down and enjoy some of the amazing popular songs which have been written to celebrate Christmas, beautifully delivered by our choirs and rock bands. Students looked spectacular, decked in tinsel and Christmas jumpers as they performed such favourites as 'Valerie' by Amy Winehouse, the theme to Sesame Street and 'Shallow' by Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. The concert finished with a superb performance of 'Joyful, Joyful' from Sister Act, feature Maya, Isaac, Molly and Caitlyn as soloists.

Lander4Uganda sold mulled wine and mince pies in the interval, along with hand made African and Cornish Christmas gifts. They raised nearly £200! Thank you to everyone who supported them.











#### RLS Mock General Election - Thursday 12th December 2019

O n election day RLS students took part in a mock election. To make this as realistic as possible students could only vote if they had registered in advance and IT rooms were opened at lunchtimes for the previous week to enable them to do this via a simple Moodle poll.

In the days before the election it was great to hear students talking about the issues which influenced their vote, with climate emergency, the NHS and homelessness featuring highly along with Brexit. Some students painted banners asking voters to 'vote planet' & 'vote for our futures' and these were hung on the school railings.

Richard Lander School students voted rather differently to older generations with the Labour party winning 46.3% of the vote and the Green party winning 20.6% of the vote. This would result in a Labour/Green coalition government for our school. The Conservative party polled just 12.36%, finishing last out of the major parties.

Our top statisticians have been scrutinising the data to look for trends in learning community and year group patterns and we will bring you this analysis in the new year. Thank you to our returning officer, Mrs Madeley, and her team.



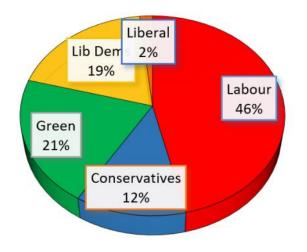
We are holding a mock general election on Thursday 12th December 2019.

You need to register on Moodle, in advance, to vote. It only takes a minute.

Labour	326	46.30%	1st
Conservatives	87	12.36%	4th
Green	145	20.60%	2nd
Lib Dems	134	19%	3rd
Liberal	12	1.70%	5th
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## RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL ELECTION 2019





## LEARNING COMMUNITY RNLI TRIP TO MOUSEHOLE AND NEWLYN

he winners of the Learning Community Art Competition had a really thought provoking day out in Mousehole and Newlyn in late November.

Tutor groups have been focussing on their local communities and learning all about Cornwall and the sea. Part of this has included learning about the RNLI Penlee lifeboat disaster which happened 19/12/1981, when lifeboat 'Solomon Browne' went to the rescue of 'Union Star' in heavy seas. Tragically both vessels were lost,



with all hands; in all 16 people including all 8 volunteer lifeboat crew. This sad story has really captured our student's imaginations and we were all keen to visit a working RNLI station and the sites where these events unfolded.

For our day out, we first visited the new RNLI lifeboat station in Newlyn and enjoyed a really interesting tour of the kit room, crew room, museum and lifeboat with Coxswain Patch and mechanic Tony.

Whilst on our tour of the Lifeboat station, we met Roy. Roy was the 9th crew member, of 'Solomon Browne', to check in on the tragic night of 19th December 1981 and therefore didn't go to sea as the lifeboat's capacity was 8 crew. Roy shared his memories of his brave friends who all lost their lives trying to save the crew of Union Star,

he also took us to the old lifeboat station, from where Solomon Browne was launched. This was an amazing experience for us and we are really



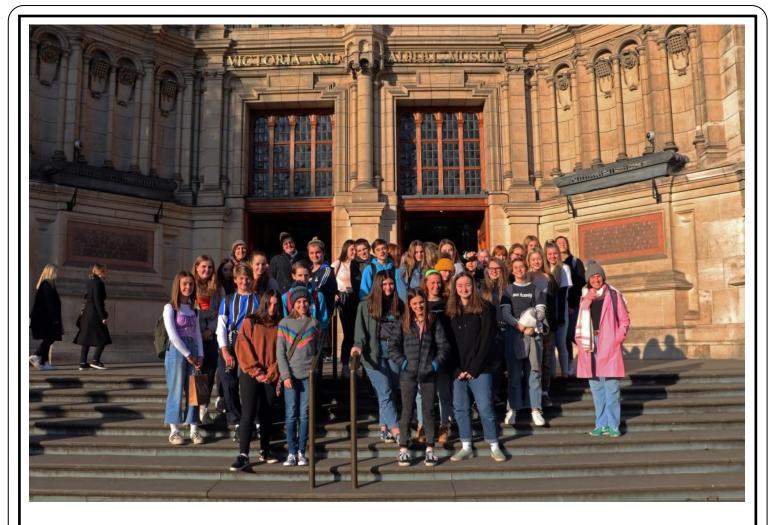
grateful to Roy, Patch and Tony for inspiring our students with their bravery and for keeping our coast safe for us to enjoy. We finished the day leaving our own tributes on the memorial to the crew of the Solomon











#### **CREATIVE ARTS AND TEXTILES TRIPS TO LONDON**

**GCSE** students studying Art, Drama, Music & Textiles have had the opportunity to go on a day trip to London this term.

On the first London trip, Drama students visited the National Theatre where they inspected the props department - some of the props were quite gory!

Meanwhile, Music students visited the London Symphony Orchestra at St Luke's Church for a composing workshop.

Everyone met up in the evening to see the amazing West End show - 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' and all agreed they had had a great day out!

The following day, GCSE Textiles students went to the V&A to see the Mary Quant and Tim Walker exhibitions, before indulging in a bit of 'Black Friday' shopping on Oxford Street. They finished their day with an hour of ice skating outside the Natural History Museum.















#### SOUTH WEST SCHOOLS TRAMPOLINING CHAMPIONSHIP

his year, for the first time, our gymnasts competed in the South West Schools Trampolining Championship. This took place in Taunton so the day began with a 5:30am start!

We have lots to learn but also, we enjoyed some excellent results...

In the Novice section - Year 7/8 Girls, Flo placed highest and Maija finished 13th out 30, Lucas finished 3rd in the Year 7/8 Boys. Well done to you! Ollie, Lucas, Harry and Finlay won the Novice group section and qualified for nationals! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Miss Hurworth for organising this event.

## ECOAMP LAUNCH THEIR UNIQUE BAMBOO SPEAKER AT THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Eco-AMP**, Richard Lander School's Young Enterprise company, have been hard at work developing their products and selling them at the YE Christmas Fair and in school. The team have come up with a sustainable, single use plastic free product which uses the laws of physics to amplify a mobile phone's speaker.

The attractive looking speakers are made from bamboo, with the mobile phone being held in place by an elastic sleeve made from recycled wetsuit material which has been donated by local surf schools. They can be used with any mobile phone. Eco-AMP have also developed bamboo mobile phone holders. The speakers cost just £15, and the mobile phone holders are £5.

Eco-AMP are being supported this year by Natalie Chard from SUEZ. Volunteering as a business advisor, Natalie said: "It's fantastic to be able to work with enthusiastic young



#### BAMBOO AMPLIFIERS FOR SALE



EcoAmp, Richard Lander School's Young Enterprise company, will be at Truro Sainsbury's tomorrow from 10am – 2pm. Pop along to find out about their unique, plastic free, waste free, bamboo amplifier!







entrepreneurs. The Young Enterprise Company programme gives students a brilliant insight into the world of business and the experience they get can be life changing."

Mrs Ford is feeling very optimistic about this year's YE company and we are all hoping for a regional win!









A Merry Christmas to all of our student leaders who have done such an amazing job of supporting the school this term. Among other things, they attend parents evenings and other school evening events to ensure that they run smoothly, they help to supervise primary school visits and take part in interview panels. We are really grateful for all their hard work!





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# GLUB

FORTNIGHTLY (2020):11th January & 25th January
8th February & 22nd February
7th March & 21st March

(At TMS Church Hall)

## Saturdays from 7pm till 9pm

11 - 16 year olds

Activities: Table Tennis, Pool, Table Top Football, etc. Refreshments Available



#### **Christmas Fundraising Event**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

@ Richard Lander School
Drop off - 10am, Pick Up - 3pm
10-12.30 - Multi Sports/ 1-3 Christmas Disco
Cost - £10



Year 7, 8 and 9s
Come and get Christmas
started in an awesome
way, with a day of fun
activities with your
friends!

#### What to bring

Sports clothing and footwear for the morning for sports such as Football,
 Badminton, Dodgeball, Uni-Hoc and Basketball.

Parents

- Party/Disco clothing for the afternoon (changing rooms will be available)
- · A packed lunch and drink
- · Money for snacks and other refreshments

Parents
A day of last-minute
Christmas shopping,
without the kids!!!

Tickets, costing £10 each, must be bought prior to the event and will be on sale in school at the following lunchtimes: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December in room 107 from 1 till 1.30.

Thursday 12th December in room 107 from 1 till 1.30.

On purchasing a ticket, a contact number for the day must be provided. This event is open to students in years 7, 8 and 9. In the case of this event being over-subscribed then we will operate a first come first served basis. If there is a lack of interest in this event then it may be cancelled with all money being fully re-funded.

Any questions or queries to Lucianne Stribley on 07792137337

Funds raised will go towards supporting Elliot Stoddard's and Lleyton Stribley's Cricket tour to South Africa in February 2020.

# Yr10 & 11 Child Development Subject catch up & revision sessions

#### Week A

Tue, Wed & Thu lunch time rm 117

Fri lunch time rm 217

Wed after school rm 217

Fri after school rm 117

#### Week B

Tue, Wed & Thu lunch time rm 117

Thu lunch time rm 217

Thu after school rm 217

Fri after school rm 117











## RLS ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF A FOCUS GROUP OF STAFF AND STUDENTS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING OUR SCHOOL'S CARBON FOOTPRINT?

HOW COULD WE AT RLS WORK TOWARDS CORNWALLCOUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO BE CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030?



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- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME - Physical & Learning disabilities - Autism - Cerebal Palsy - Hearing Impaired - Down's Syndrome - Partially Sighted

Sundays 9.30am - 11.00am The Astro

**Cornwall College Pool** 

Inclusive football for youth 8-16 years and adults 16+ years - whatever your ability level. Sessions are flexible, inclusive and accessible.

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Call Nikki Perryman on 07730 533043 or email applepye3@hotmail.co.uk









