



14th September 2018

WELCOME BACK!

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term – I hope that your child or children have settled back into the new term well. Judging by the smiles and positivity at school this week, I think this is the case.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and indeed staff who contributed to the appeal which I set up last term with regard to my work over the summer holidays, supporting Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. The charity I worked with (SB Overseas) provides an education to Syrian refugee children where they have no access to a government education. SB Overseas has three schools and these are based in Beirut (the capital of Lebanon), Saida and Arsal. Arsal is very close to the Syrian border and the refugees there have been living in temporary accommodation (UN tents) for seven years now.

The SB Overseas staff were delighted with the funds raised within the Richard Lander school community and this has gone towards providing educational resources for refugee children.

Most of my work in the SB Overseas schools was focused on providing guidance to the school leadership and wider staff team, providing training for staff, policy writing and formulation of schemes of work. The most exciting moments however, was when I was able to teach – the Syrian refugee children were just delightful and eager to gain an education.

One of our key themes this academic year will be to encourage students to be caring towards others and to make a positive difference to the world around them. I hope that my own experience this summer will provide motivation for students to also go the extra mile and to use whatever talents they have for the good of others.

I wish you a good week.

Steve Mulcahy
Headteacher

Richard Lander School



Open Evening

Thursday 20th September

5.00 - 8.00 pm

We invite students from years 5 & 6 to meet our current students and staff, experience our wonderful facilities, take part in exciting activities and get a flavour of the richness of education at Richard Lander School.



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Dates for your diary

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SEPTEMBER

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US
RICHARD LANDER
SCHOOL IS 40!**

- see page 5

Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th

Greenpower Race at Castle
Coombe - see page 9

Wednesday 19th

Year 10 Art/Photography Trip to
St Ives and Geevor
Full Governors meeting

Thursday 20th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre
17:00—20:00 YEAR 5/6 OPEN
EVENING

Saturday 22nd/Sunday 23rd

Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze
Practice

Tuesday 25th

18:00—Year 10 Work Experience
Parents Meeting (School Hall)

Wednesday 26th

South West Secondary School
Swimming Championships at
Millfield

Thursday 27th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

Friday 28th

KS1 Primary Multi Skills Festival

OCTOBER

Wednesday 3rd

Governors Meeting—Students &
Curriculum

Thursday 4th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

18:00—Year 7 English & Maths
Parent Info Evening

Friday 5th

Year 10 - St Endellion Book
Festival trip
Years3/4 Bisi Badminton Qualifier
at RLS

Wednesday 10th

Cornwall Schools U13 Rugby
Festival at Penrice Academy

Thursday 11th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

19:30—21:00 TRURO COLLEGE
Open Evening for Year 11 RLS

Friday 12th—Saturday 13th

Lander4Uganda Sleepover

Wednesday 17th

Governors Meeting—Finance and
General Purposes

Thursday 18th

Years 5/6 Bisi Badminton Qualifier
at RLS

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

18:00—19:00—Year 7 Parents
Cheese and Wine Evening

**Friday 19th—INSET Day - No
Students in school**

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th

HALF TERM BREAK

Tuesday 30th

Choirs - Singing at Truro Cathedral
For Karl Jenkins - The Armed Man

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

Saturday 3rd

Choirs
14:00—17:00 Singing at Truro
Cathedral (Rehearsal)

19:00—21:30 Singing at Truro
Cathedral Concert

Wednesday 7th

Governors Meeting—Personnel

Thursday 8th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

Year 10 Parents—Math & English
Information Evening

Thursday 15th

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

Wednesday 21st

Truro City of Lights

Thursday 22nd

ARK Swimming—Truro Leisure
Centre

19:00 - YEAR 12 PRESENTATION
EVENING - see page 3

Tuesday 27th

GCSE Music Concert

Wednesday 28th

Governors Meeting—Policy

Thursday 29th/Friday 30th

Creative Arts London trip

Friday 30th

Years 3-6 Sports Hall Athletics
Qualifier

DECEMBER

Friday 7th

Years 3/4 Feetbeat Dance Festival

Year 11 - Pre-Public Exams 1

Results Day

Friday 7th—Friday 14th

French Exchange - French students
in Cornwall

Tuesday 11th

School Carol Service at Truro
Cathedral

Tuesday 18th

Informal Carol Service at Richard
Lander School

Wednesday 19th

Governors Meeting— FGB

Thursday 20th

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 21st December—Friday 4th

January 2019

CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY

Monday 7th

FIRST DAY OF TERM

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Class of 2018 celebrate excellent GCSE results!

There were smiles all round on GCSE results day with our retiring Y11 students celebrating truly excellent results.

As you will see from the breakdown on the right most results showed an improvement over last year with over a quarter of students getting 5 or more 9-7 grades which are equivalent to the old A/A* and 86% students passing their English GCSE, 74% passing both English and maths.

There were some particularly notable individual successes including those pictured on these pages. Below: Superstars Ella, Freya and Chloe, who achieved 10 Grades at grade 9 to 7 each and Jess who achieved 9 Grade 9's and one grade A*.

Left: Harry Lampier left celebrated 2 Grade 9's, 4 Grade 8's and 3 Grade 7's

Chris Price, overleaf, celebrated 5 Grade 9's and 5 Grade 8's—fantastic!

Overleaf: Sam and Samuel, pictured with their Year 11 Yearbook, between them achieved 6 Grade



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL GCSE RESULT BREAKDOWN 2018



- Over a quarter of students gained 5 or more 9-7 grades – equivalent to the old A/A* grade
- 18 students gained 9 or more 9-7 grades
- 25 students gained 8 or more 9-7 grades
- 34% of our students gained a 9-7 grade in English
- 23% of our students gained a 9-7 grade in maths
- 74% of our students passed both English and maths (9-4)
- 86% of our students gained a pass in English (9-4)
- 76% of our students gained a pass in maths (9-4)

*Well done to all our students our Class of 2018!
We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.*





Class of 2018 celebrate excellent GCSE results - continued

9's, 5 Grade 8's and 4 Grade 7's.

There were many other triumphs where students overcame difficult times to get the GCSEs they needed

'We are delighted with the results achieved by our students this year. Congratulations to all our students who have worked so hard to achieve this. Many thanks also to our staff team who have worked so hard to support students and indeed our parent body who have been so supportive too.'

**Steve Mulcahy
Headteacher**

for the next stage of their lives or exceeded expectation through hard work and perseverance. Well done to you all!

We look forward to welcoming the class of 2018 back to school for Year 12 Presentation Evening on Thursday 22nd November at 7pm.



Richard Lander School

Open Evening

Thursday 20th September 5.00 - 8.00

We invite students from years 5 & 6, along with parents and carers, to experience our inspirational community: tour the wonderful facilities available at our school; meet students and staff; and enjoy exciting activities to get a flavour of the richness of education at Richard Lander School.

"What a great school Richard Lander School is; full of wonderful, enthusiastic staff who really want the best for your child."

Mother of year 7 student, Spring 2017

"Thank you to all the staff at Richard Lander for the belief you had in me inspiring me to 'be the best I can be.' I just wanted to let you know that I'm still working on it!" Ex-student, 2017

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Richard Lander School is 40 this month. One of us was here at the very beginning...

In 1978 Richard Lander School opened its doors for the first time



replacing Penwethers County Secondary School. On that day, first year student, Louise Hope was feeling slightly anxious about her first day at secondary school. Looking very smart in her grey skirt and V-neck jumper, white shirt and red tie with silver stripes she joined Mr Axon's tutor group. Louise remembers sitting in the main hall listening to Headteacher, Mr Dunn (below), and feeling guilty about every misdemeanour he mentioned. As her face turned



redder by the minute, she worried that she would be seen as a culprit although she had done nothing wrong. Fortunately

things improved after that first day and Louise went on to thoroughly enjoy her time at Richard Lander School.

Mrs Hope qualified as a Science teacher in 2002 and remembers: "One of the loveliest things was when Mr Axon, my first tutor, turned up unexpectedly at my graduation. He gave me a congratulations card and wished me all the best in my career as a teacher. That's what it is like at Richard Lander, we always look out for our past students; we are delighted when they do well." Mrs Hope started her first job at Richard Lander School in the September of 2002. 16 years later, she still works at the school and is now the Key Stage 3 Science lead and is also a year 11 tutor.

Mrs Hope recalls her parents



having to come in to convince the school to allow her to do triple science in 1981. At that time science was very male dominated. she and quite a few other girls were permitted to study triple science, and Mrs Hope went on to do a Biochemistry degree, work in a research lab and of course, became a science teacher. It is heartening to see how times have changed. Earlier this year a group of 4 of Richard Lander School's very own female students won the Satelife competition with an amazing idea for a wrist band that is linked to a satellite to enable people to be found in the sea.

Richard Lander School's longest serving member of staff is Mr Glenn Gibson who has been at the school for 38 years. He joined the school and became Louise Hope's tutor when she was in year 3 in 1980. Louise remembers 'it was his first job, I taught him how to take the register.' Mr Gibson remembers what a bright and helpful student Louise was. In 1980 Mr Gibson taught Geography and PE, he is now Assistant Headteacher in charge of Key Stage 4 Pastoral. His fantastic memory also makes him a bit of a Richard Lander Wikipedia for students and staff!

We are collecting historic photos and will be posting them on the Richard Lander School Facebook page over the next few weeks.





‘Debate Create’ - A day of debate and interactive creative workshops at Falmouth University

On Friday 29th June, a group of Year 9 students were given the opportunity to visit Falmouth University with Mrs Nortje and Mr Gell for the annual Debate Create event. On arrival, we were invited to watch a panel of experts discuss what the world will be like in the future; topics ranged from artificial intelligence to migrants. Some of us posed questions to the panel that we had thought of at school, whilst all of us could vote in the interactive questions (such as “In the future there will be less jobs for humans. Do you agree or disagree?”). Once the debate had finished, everybody was split up into their groups – theatre, TV post production, creative advertising, journalism and photography. Each group’s task was to create something that they could then showcase to the attending schools.

Participants in the theatre workshop began by warming up with some collaborative exercises before deciding to base their work

around the theme of robots outperforming humans and securing their jobs. The end product was a chilling performance depicting a robot dictatorship.

Meanwhile, the TV post production group learnt about the dangers refugees face in their countries. Together, they created a voice over for an emotive video about the hardships in war-torn countries.

The creative advertising group was given the option to promote either some existing technology or a trip to Mars. All of the work produced was of an extremely high quality, and some pieces added humour to the end presentations.

After a quick general knowledge quiz, everybody doing journalism had to make a two-minute video – including an interview – about the

Cornwall School Games (which were taking place around the campus). They also made a short radio clip focused on the advantages and disadvantages of attending university, and even got to speak to prestigious journalist Kevin Bishop in Russia over Skype!

The photography group created some powerful images focused around homelessness before producing some futuristic pictures with torchlight. Additionally, some students made short animations by lying on the floor to make it seem like they were fighting, flying or walking.

Overall, the workshops were a huge success and allowed each of us to experience lots of new and interesting skills within the University environment.

Mrs Nortje and Caitlin Shaw (9TJAn)





Barcelona Trip 2018

During CEW 2018, 37 lucky students travelled to Barcelona and had the most amazing time! We set off early on Saturday morning and, after a rather long coach journey, arrived in the resort of Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava on Sunday afternoon. After checking into our hotel, we did some sightseeing around the beautiful hilltop castle ruins in the hot sun before cooling off in the hotel pool and getting ready for our tapas tasting evening and all you can eat buffet!

We had an action packed week and really crammed a lot into our stay. On Monday we travelled into Barcelona city centre, walking along Barcelona's famous Las Ramblas and sampling the sights, sounds and smells of La Boqueria food market. We then did a spot of shopping in El Corte Inglés department store before exploring the architecture of Antoni Gaudí, visiting both Casa Milà and Casa Batlló before having a tour of La Sagrada Família and seeing the most amazing stain glass windows ever! On Tuesday we explored Gaudí's Parc Güell with amazing sights over Barcelona before following in the footsteps of Messi, Suárez and Piqué with a tour of Barça's famous Nou Camp! On



Wednesday we were lucky enough to visit Spain's largest theme park PortAventura which was not for the faint hearted! Shambhala, the tallest and fastest hypercoaster in Europe was definitely a hit! The week ended with a spot of souvenir shopping in the resort of Tossa de Mar before heading back home.



A great week was had by all, students and staff alike, and I think that we all agree Barcelona is an AMAZING city!



**Mrs
L Shine**





Welcome back from the Music Department!

Richard Lander School boasts a wide range of musical ensembles; five different vocal groups and choirs; a range of instrumental ensembles including numerous student-led rock bands, orchestra, jazz band, brass band group, recorder ensemble and string ensemble; and world music groups including an Indonesian Gamelan group, Brazilian Samba band and West African drumming circle. Students who participate in these clubs have the opportunity to perform not just at school but at other venues including The Hall for

Cornwall, Truro Cathedral and The Cornwall Music Festival to name a few.

These clubs are only successful because of the dedicated students who give up their lunchtimes to attend the practices. The ECAs are participated in by a range of students. This includes students who enjoy music simply because it is great fun! Some students receive either vocal or instrumental lessons, in or outside of school, but it is not mandatory for your child to learn an instrument to join in any of the Music ECAs. All clubs are open to students in any year group, apart from Year 7 choir, which is for Year 7 students only.

Please note that if your child is currently receiving Free School Meals, if one of their guardians is currently in the armed forces, or is currently in care, they are eligible for a £5 discount on music lessons.

If you have any other questions please email me directly at: sjones@richardlanderschool.cornwall.sch.uk

I am looking forward to another successful musical year!

Yours Musically,

Miss Jones
Head of Music

Music Lunch Clubs. 1.20-1.55pm

Day	What?	Where?	Who?
Monday	Senior Choir Y7 Choir  ***Y8 Choir @ PM reg in 130  ***Selected Voices @ PM reg in 129 	Room 126 Room 127	Miss Jones Miss Foxon
Tuesday	Theory club Billy Elliot Singers Brass Band  Orchestra Recorder Ensemble ***Billy Elliot Production Band 3.30-4.45pm 	  Room 126 Room 127 Dance Studio   Room 126 Dance Studio	Miss Jones Miss Foxon Mr Greaves Miss Jones and Miss Findley Mrs Whomersley Miss Jones
Thursday	Jazz Band String Ensemble 	  Room 126 Room 127	Miss Jones Miss Foxon
Friday	Samba Band Arts Award ***Changing Voices (Boys choir) PM reg 130 ***BILLY ELLIOT PRODUCTION BAND TBC	  Room 126 Room 127	Miss Jones Miss Jones Miss Foxon

KS4 (GCSE and BTEC MUSIC) Catch up

Some Mondays, Every Wednesday, Every Thursday after school.
ANY LUNCHTIME



Wednesday 19th September - Year 10 Art/Photography Trip to St Ives and Geevor

GCSE Art students will be going to St Ives to visit the Tate and the Patrick Heron exhibition and either the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Gallery or Leech Pottery. Year 10 Photography students will be going to Geevor tin mines to take photographs on location.

Payment needs to be paid on Parent Pay by the 17th September. Reply slips, medical forms and image consent forms also need to be returned to the creative arts base by the same date

Mrs N Dalby



Community Badminton is back



Community Badminton take place in the RLS Sports Hall every term time Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. It's open to all RLS students, their families and friends of all ages and abilities. The charge is just £1.50 per hour. Please use the entrance at the back of the sports hall.

Mr J Bridger
Mr I Robinson

Partnership Surf Competition

Surfers or bodyboarders who would like to take part in the Partnership Surf Competition at Praa Sands on Friday 28th

September need to collect a form from the PE office asap on Monday and return it to avoid disappointment.
Miss Cain



Rotary Young Chef Competition

If you're aged between 11-17 years and would like to enter the Rotary Young Chef competition please come to a meeting in room 217 on Tuesday lunchtime at 1.30pm for more information.

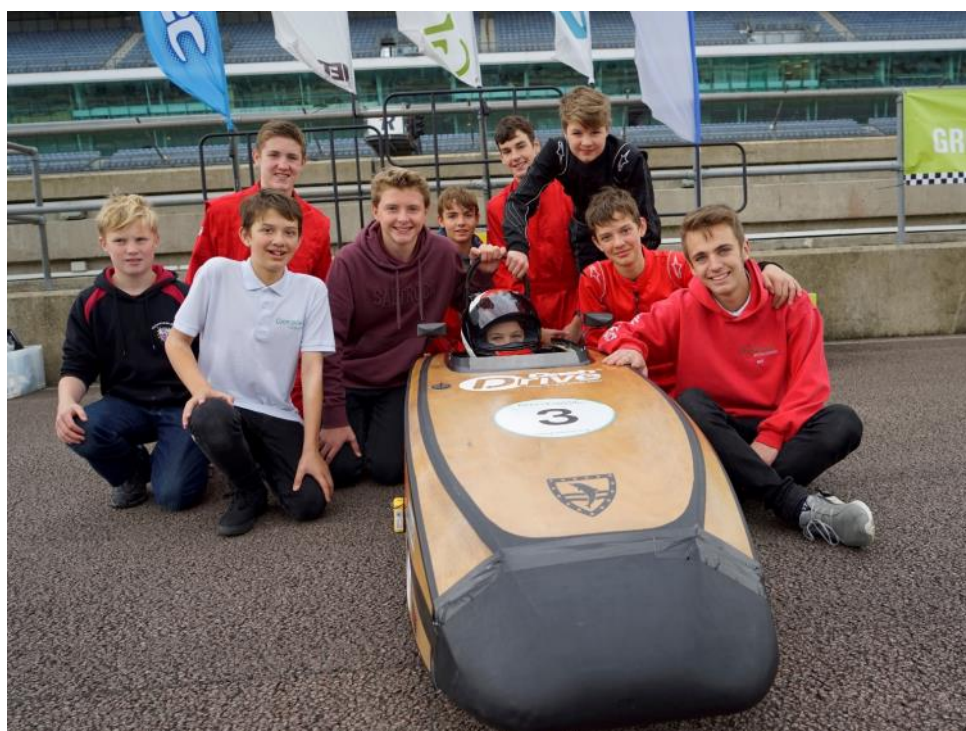
Mrs Jones



MESSAGE FROM RICHARD LANDER RACING

This Sunday the Richard Lander Racing Greenpower team are heading to Castle Combe circuit to compete in the Western regional heat. Richard Lander are still top of the 2018 Distance Records following an excellent performance at Goodwood last June, leading 238 entries nationally – [see the 2018 Distance Records](#). Assuming we remain there, we will start the International Finals in pole position.

Castle Combe is a popular venue being a 'proper circuit' (not an airfield) and we will be racing against 56 other schools in what is a warm up event for the International Finals at Rockingham next month. If you would like to



follow our race online there is the [live timing screen](#), race 1 is at 11.45 and race 2 is at 15.30. The Greenpower team will be open

for new applications in the new year.

Wish us luck!
Mr Lloyd-King



Welcome to our new year 7 students and parent/carers

We at Richard Lander School have the safeguarding and protection of students as a key priority within the school. All staff receive regular training with regards to child protection and safeguarding; this enables us to deal sensitively, supportively and appropriately with matters should they arise.

Should students and parents have any concerns our Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kerry Towers and Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Yvonne Rippon can be contacted through the main school number 01872 273750.

The Safeguarding Team will keep you updated with the latest information via the bulletin and school assemblies

Mrs K Towers
Mrs Y Rippon
Safeguarding Team



SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY EVERYDAY

If you're concerned speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Lead for Children in Care, Mrs K Towers, or the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Y Rippon, straight away

Photography competition

Theme : Small world

Email your photos to :

creativearts@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk or bring to the creative arts base

Open to all year groups

Deadline : 5th October





FREE Challenging Behaviour Support Group

**Do you find your child's behaviour difficult to manage?
Would some friendly support and advice be helpful?
Worried about ADHD, ADD, and ASD?
Want more help with behaviour?**

If you would like to be able to talk in confidence and meet other parents experiencing similar challenges, then do come along. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or statement for you to attend this group

We are here to help and support you.

New County Hall, Truro 10am – 12pm

The group will take place at New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro. TR1 3AY, there is parking on site

Rooms 2N:06

Friday 21st Sept 2018 (2N:04)
Friday 30th Nov 2018
Friday 25th Jan 2019
Friday 29th Mar 2019
Friday 24th May 2019
Friday 19th July 2019

At St. Dennis Family Hub 12:30 -2:30pm

You can access the Hub via the large School gates on Carne Hill then follow the path to your right. Parking is not available on site and you are advised to park on Hall Rd, PL26 8AY.

Main Room

Wednesday 17th Oct 2018
Wednesday 19th Dec 2018
Wednesday 27th Feb 2019
Wednesday 24th Apr 2019
Wednesday 19th June 2019

For more general information please contact:

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GIRLS' NETBALL & HOCKEY FIXTURES AUTUMN TERM 2018

Sept	Wed 19 th	Away	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Pool
Sept	Wed 26 th	Millfield	National Schools Swimming Relay Championships		
Sept	Thurs 27 th	Home	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Camborne
Sept	Fri 28 th	Praa Sands	Peninsula Partnership Surf Comp.		
Oct	Thurs 4 th	Home	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Redruth
Oct	Sat 6 th	Away	U14 County Netball Tournament		Bodmin
Oct	Thurs 11 th	Home	U16 County Hockey Tournament		9am start
Oct	Tues 16 th	Home	U14 County Hockey Tournament		9am start
Oct	Thurs 18 th	Away	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Helston

HALF TERM

Nov	Thurs 1 st	Away	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Penryn
Nov	Tues 6 th	Home	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Truro High
Nov	Tues 13 th	TBC	Netball 'B' Qualifier for Sec. School Games		
Nov	Thurs 15 th	Away	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Truro Sch
Nov	Sat 17 th	Away	U16 County Netball Tournament		Truro School
Nov	Thurs 22 nd	Home	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Penair
Nov	Fri 23 rd	TBC	Swimming Gala for Sec. School Games		
Nov	Thurs 29 th	Away	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Mullion
Dec	Thurs 6 th	Home	Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball	v	Falmouth
Dec	Tues 11 th	Home	Girls Active Primary Sports Events		3.30pm



Rugby Fixture List

Fixtures 2018/19

VENUE	DATE	SCHOOL	YEARS PLAYING
September			
A	Tuesday 18 th	Helston	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
H	Thursday 27 th	Mullion	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
October			
H	Thursday 4 th	Pool	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Penrice	Wednesday 10 th	Under 13 Cornwall Schools Festival	Y8
A	Thursday 11 th	Camborne	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
H	Tuesday 16 th	Newquay Tretherras	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
H	Thursday 18 th	Falmouth	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
November			
H	Thursday 1 st	Penryn	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
H	Friday 2 nd	Under 12 West Cornwall Festival	Y7
A	Wednesday 7 th	Truro	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
H	Thursday 15 th	Redruth	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
A	Thursday 22 nd	Penair	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Schools 7s Competition			
Venue	Date	Year group	
Pool	28 th March	Year 7	
Penair	3 rd April	Year 8	
Pool	26 th March	Year 9	
Redruth	13 th March	Year 10	
Newquay	3 rd October	Year 11	