



# RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

## 20th November 2023

### Dates for your Diary NOVEMBER

#### Monday 20th

Portrait Workshop with selected Year 9 students

U15 County Cricket Tournament At Truro College

U16/U12 Girls Football Fixture at Pool Academy

School Visit to Sainsburys

PROMS Adventures in Sound Concert for Schools at the Hall for Cornwall.

#### Tuesday 21st

Employability Workshop

#### Wednesday 22nd

U16 Boys Football—Cup Fixture

18:00—20:00: Spelling Bee

Competition

#### Thursday 23rd

Immunisation Day

ARB Swimming

#### Friday 24th

Partner Primary Schools Quiz at RLS with RLS Sports Leaders

U16 Mixed Hockey Tournament at Truro School

Lander4Uganda Sleepover

7pm until 9:30 am Saturday

Sleeping Room booking on Moodle

Y11 Hospitality and Catering

Practical Exam

#### Tuesday 28th

Carol Service Rehearsal

#### Wednesday 29th

Les Mis - Rehearsal Drop Down Day

#### Thursday 30th

RLS Careers Fair

Carol Service Rehearsal

ARB Swimming

Year 9 Parents Evening

### DECEMBER

#### Friday 1st

Year 5/6 Bisi Badminton Event for all Truro Primary Schools with RLS Sports Leaders

Year 11 GCSE Drama Dress Run

Through

U13 County Netball Tournament at Poltair School

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#### Monday 4th

Portrait Workshop with selected Year 9 students

ARB visit to Truro Cathedral and Truro Christmas Market

Truro Christmas Market

#### Tuesday 5th

Arts Award Bronze Moderation

Y11 Hospitality and Catering

Practical Exam

Carol Service Rehearsal

#### Wednesday 6th

Y11 Hospitality and Catering

Practical Exam

Carol Service Rehearsal

Full Governing Board Meeting

#### Thursday 7th

Year 3/4 Feetbeat Dance

Competition

Y11 Hospitality and Catering

Practical Exam

Carol Service Walking Practice

ARB Swimming

#### Friday 8th

INSET—STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL

#### Monday 11th - Friday 15th

December

Year 9 Progress Reviews

#### Monday 11th

AM: Carol Service Rehearsal at Truro Cathedral

19:00 Richard Lander School Carol Concert at Truro Cathedral

#### Tuesday 12th

Y11A/SS1 Sports Studies PPE

#### Thursday 14th

Y11 GCSE Drama Exam

ARB Swimming at Truro Leisure Centre

#### Friday 15th

Y11 GCSE Drama Exam

ARB Visit to Peter Pan at the Hall for Cornwall

Year 11 PPE 1 Results Day

Tuesday 19th December

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 20th December—

Wednesday 3rd January

Christmas Break

### JANUARY 2024

#### Thursday 4th

First Day of Term

#### Friday 5th

Primary Swimming Gala at Truro School Swimming Pool with RLS Sports Leaders

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#### Monday 8th—Friday 12th

Year 9 Progress Reviews

#### Thursday 11th January

5:00—7:00pm: Year 9 Options

Evening

#### Friday 12th

Primary Athletics Qualifier - Years 3,4,5,6 with RLS Sports Leaders

#### Wednesday 17th

18:00—19:00: Year 8 Paris trip

Parents meeting

#### Monday 22nd January —Friday

2nd February

Year 10 Progress Reviews

#### Wednesday 24th

Full Governing Board Meeting

Lander for Uganda presents  
**SCHOOL SLEEPOVER**  
Friday 24th November 2023  
7pm - 9:30 am the next morning  
15 pounds per student incl. breakfast  
Letters from Miss Miles in Room 101

Sports  
Karaoke  
Crafts  
and more..

Dancing  
Films  
Games Consoles  
Nerf



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**Richard Lander School welcomes Pearl of Africa Children's Choir for the first time since 2019!**

In the latest exciting episode of our wonderful friendship with our Ugandan partner schools, we have been absolutely delighted to welcome the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir\* back to Cornwall for the first time since 2019!

The Choir is made up from the most talented students in the Molly and Paul Childcare schools, which are the Ugandan schools we have been working with for well over ten years. The Choir performs a musical and cultural extravaganza which delights audiences with a set of songs telling stories about Ugandan life, featuring African instruments, voices and very energetic dance!

What made the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir's visit even more special for our students and primary students from Bosvigo, Threemilestone and Blackwater schools was that

the Choir also love to teach, to share their enthusiasm and culture and to perform with new people. Hundreds of students, therefore, had the opportunity to take part in African drumming, dance and





singing day workshops and then to perform alongside the choir at the evening performance on Friday 17th November.

And what a performance it was! In the first half we were wowed by the Choir's talent and energy. In the second half we were delighted to see Cornish students demonstrate what they had learned during the day - and they were great!

The tour is a vital fundraiser for the Molly and Paul schools and we were truly blown away by the generosity of the Richard Lander School community. People dug deep to donate, buy African crafts and refreshments.. We will confirm the amount collected on the night when we have a final total.

Our final thanks must be to the amazing people who gave their time and shared their homes to support the Choir's visit. Our host families, drivers, other host schools, primary coordinators and of course all the Lander4Uganda students who sold African crafts and refreshments on the night.

The Choir's visit was a huge event for us all and it certainly was a team effort!

\*The internationally acclaimed Pearl of Africa Children's Choir is made up of students from the Molly and Paul Childcare schools in Uganda and through its performances raises money for a UK based charity whose main activity is to support the schools and homes run by the Foundation in Kampala, Bunjakki and Masaka districts of Uganda.

The Foundation provides education, clothing and homes for over 1500 children who would not otherwise be able to attend school and is reliant on UK support to pay basic running costs and provide food, clean water and healthcare for thousands of children and their families.





## YEAR 12 PRESENTATION EVENING

**O**n Thursday 16th November, we welcomed our Class of '23 back to school to collect their GCSE and vocational exam certificates, along with special awards. We were also looking forward to hearing how their lives had changed since leaving Lander in June.

It was wonderful to see so many of our young adults, out of school uniform, looking so grown up, confident and ready for life's rich tapestry of adventure!

Firstly, all students were presented with their exam certificates and subject awards, by their tutors, with running commentary and anecdotes from Mr Holloway. Well done to you all on your exam results, you worked hard despite disruption to your education and did yourselves proud!

After tutors had handed out the envelopes of certificates, the evening programme moved on to special awards. Huge congratulations to all of the following who received special recognition:

**Whole School Design Award - *Niamh Whyte***

**Arthur Herbert Award** for excelling in Science, donated in remembrance of Arthur Herbert, a former Head of Science at Richard Lander School - *Laura O'Dowd*

**Oliver Beckerlegge Award** for languages, given by Dr





Honor Aldred, programme manager for French at the University of Leeds, in memory of her father Oliver Beckerlegge. - *Dan Hobba*

**Jon Williams Award** - presented to 3 students whose achievements deserve special recognition. Donated in memory of John Williams, a former Deputy Head Teacher of Richard Lander School - *Benny Tinkler, Mia Ewart, Sennen Taylor*

**Outstanding Contribution Award** - presented to 4 students who have given an outstanding contribution to Richard Lander School, throughout their education — *Connie Berry, Lomay Wilson, Elizabeth Garvican,*

*Niamh Whyte*

**Extra-Curricular Award** presented to 7 students who have given an outstanding contribution to extra-curricular activities at Richard Lander School - *Greenpower World Champions - Hazel Orbell, Kirsty Orbell, Ella Hillson, Gorran Teagle, Luca Wilding. Duke of Edinburgh - Luca Twomey & Benny Tinkler*

**Outstanding Personal Achievement** presented to 4 students who have shown an outstanding personal achievement during their time at Richard Lander School - *Taya Aerts, Jmelee Fogarty, Daniel O'Loughlin & Isabella Sivam*





**Outstanding Academic Achievement** to 4 students who have shown determination, effort and endeavour throughout their five years at Richard Lander School - *Lauren Marples, Emily Lewis, Daniel Hobba, Adam Van Hoorn*

**Head Teacher Awards** as chosen by Mr S Mulcahy: *Lauren Marples, Daniel Hobba, Isabella Sivam*

The evening finished with a speech from Head Students 2022/2023, Lauren Marples and Dan Hobba. They'd written a light-hearted parting poem which was really lovely and received huge applause!

Thank you to everyone who came on Thursday night. Please stay in touch; send us an email, call and make an appointment to visit, volunteer at one of our careers events to inspire future students. A message from an ex-student really brightens our day and we are so grateful when you can spare the time to come into school.

Lauren and Dan's speech is on the following page





## Parting Speech

*Written by Head Students, Lauren Marples and Dan Hobba for Presentation Evening*

D - Our 5 year at RLS have taught us a lot about ourselves,  
L - through events, friendships and memories...

D - We've painted, created, experimented and translated.  
L - We've dissected, designed, set on fire and debated.

D - All of us played our part.  
L - But that was just the start!

D - We experienced the world of work,  
L - Saw the early mornings but not the perks,

D - Sat so many mocks,  
L - Sent so many TikToks,

D - And sure, we missed our friends during lockdown...  
but we dazzled at prom in suits and gowns;  
L - We danced with Holloway and partied in Falmouth Bay...  
At Lander, we've always done things our own way.

D - We Waked and Shaked,  
L - Sang, danced and baked  
D - We hiked and biked  
L - Slept over and stayed up all night!  
D - We've helped out, camped out..  
L - Dressed up, grew up.

D - You've helped us look to the  
future and not linger on the  
past,  
L - We just didn't realise it would all  
go so fast.

D - So on behalf of the Class of '23  
L - thank you so much to all the  
teachers...

D+L- Who made us the best we can  
be!



Lauren and Dan, pictured with Emily. These students achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement awards



**YEAR 10 GRAPHIC DESIGN - MASSIMO VIGNELLI AND KAREL MARTENS**

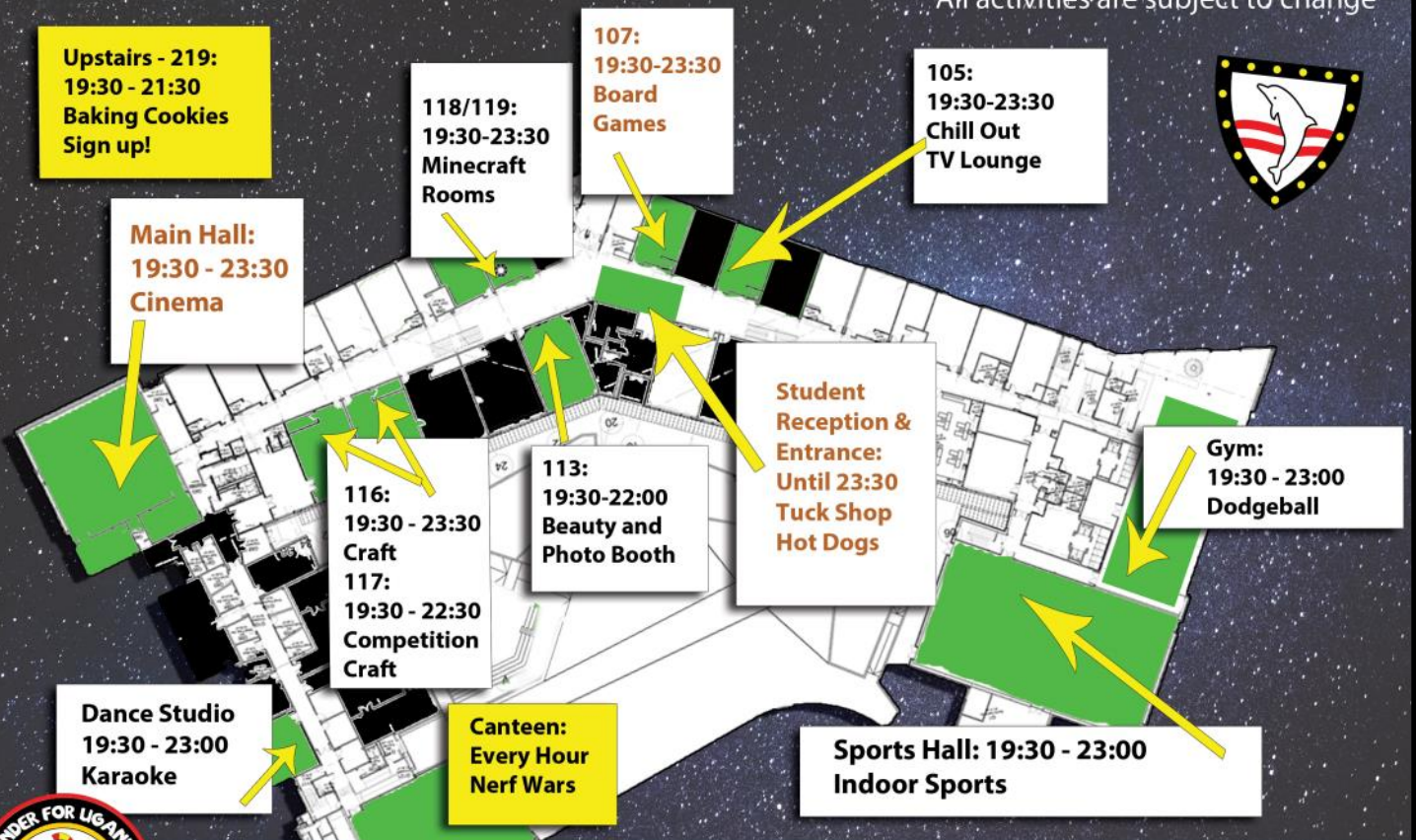
Year 10 Graphic Design students have been developing their skills through looking at the work of other designers. By layering images and colours in the style of Massimo Vignelli and Karel Martens, they have come up with some really creative pieces that mimic their work, whilst adding their own creative twist. Miss O'Connor is really proud of their efforts on this piece!



**LANDER4UGANDA SLEEPOVER THIS FRIDAY!**

**PLEASE SEE THE MAP BELOW FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SLEEPING ROOMS ON MOODLE. THERE WILL BE A TUCK SHOP WITH HOT DOGS. BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED IN YOUR TICKET.**

All activities are subject to change



**SCHOOL SLEEPOVER MAP**





## NOTICES

### Richard Lander PE Kit – Changes for September 2024

Some months ago, the school consulted with parents regarding the school uniform. For the most part, parents were happy with the school uniform as it was. With particular reference to the PE kit, some comments were raised by parents regarding the need for all students to have to wear a rugby top as part of their core PE kit and the price of the PE kit overall. We have recently liaised with Whirlwind, our PE kit providers and have discussed further improvements to our kit in both quality and cost.

As a result of this, we are proposing to phase in a new kit from September 2024 to address these issues.

The current compulsory kit consists of a t-shirt, shorts or a skort, a rugby top and a pair of socks with a kit price of £63.00 for either girls or boys. The new compulsory kit would be unisex and consists of a technical performance, multi-use t-shirt made from moisture wicking fabric, a pair of shorts and a pair of socks, with a kit price of £39.00. This is a saving of £24.00 for the cost of the compulsory elements of the kit.

We are also introducing an optional technical performance zip top, that has been designed as an additional layer that can be worn for PE ONLY. The regular RLS black hoodie will still be available from Whirlwind but should not be worn in PE lessons as this has always been intended as a warm layer for students to wear to and around school.



**Pack Option**  
Includes:  
Unisex PE Top  
Unisex PE Shorts  
Unisex PE Socks

**£39**



Unisex PE Top  
£26.50



Unisex PE Shorts  
£10



Unisex PE Socks  
£4.50



Unisex 1/ Zip Top  
£25

NB. Whilst the shorts are proposed to be a compulsory item in the PE kit, students will be given the opportunity to wear plain black, full length unbranded leggings in PE instead of this.

The new PE kit would be phased in for the new academic year in 2024 and Whirlwind have advised that they could have stock available for the latter part of the summer term 2024. Stocks of the existing kit would be run down but **STUDENTS CAN CONTINUE TO WEAR THE EXISTING KIT AND WE WOULD NOT EXPECT PARENTS TO REPLACE ITEMS DUE TO THE CHANGE IN THE DESIGN.**

As part of a wider consultation, we would like to gather any views you may have so if you would like to make any comments or have questions then please email [enquiries@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk) by Monday 27th November, when we will review the responses.



## **RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT**

### **West Cornwall U12 Rugby Festivals**

**O**ur Year 7 Rugby team has enjoyed 2 festivals against local school over the past 2 weeks. In the first festival our Richard Lander School team remained undefeated when playing against St. Ives, Falmouth, Humphry Davy, Pool and Mounts Bay.



In the second festival the team successfully defeated Penrice, Redruth B and Penair, with their only defeat coming at the hands of a very powerful Camborne team.

***Congratulations to all those students who were involved in the 2 festivals. Both festivals were brilliantly organised by Mr Williamson and we thank Truro College for allowing us to use their facilities.***

*Mr N Stoddard - Head of PE*

### **U16 Boys County Hockey Tournament**

**C**ongratulations to the 12 students who represented the school in the U16 Boys County Hockey Tournament held at Penryn College. Against some high quality opponents our team competed really well and battled hard against their more experienced opponents. Our opponents on the day were, Penair, Truro School, Penryn and Mounts Bay.



*Mr N Stoddard - Head of PE*



## RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

### U14 Girls County Netball Champions 2023 (third year running)

**O**n Saturday 11th November, our U14 Netball squad went to Penryn College to defend their Netball County Champion status once more, having won it in both Year 7 and 8.

20 schools attended the tournament and in the group section, Lander achieved the following wins, resulting in them topping their section:

Wadebridge 14-8

Truro High School 12-4

Hayle 21-0

Poltair 18-0

So far, all squad members had played at least 2 games, thereby contributing equally to our early success and this continued into the quarter final with Lander brushing Bude aside 16-2.

*And so to the semi-final against Truro School; the stakes were high as the finalists would both go through to the regional finals in Bournemouth in February.*

Lander made a nervous start and lost possession twice, seeing TS move out to a practically unassailable 8-4 lead, given that the halves were only 7 minutes long. But with true grit and determination, our girls fought their way back into the game. Defensive turn overs just before and after half time, backed up by outstanding goal scoring under such pressure (both shooters achieved 100% accuracy in this game), saw Lander draw level with TS. With momentum going our way, the game was won on yet another defensive Lander turn over – final result 12-10.

With nerves frayed but great excitement, the final took place only 5 minutes later against Penryn who had come second to us last year. To say they wanted revenge, is probably an understatement. Once again, a slow start by Lander saw them 6-3 down, but they levelled to 6 all at half time. Anyone's game at this point and mistakes crept in for both sides, but the Lander girls held their nerve and worked so hard for each other. With 1 minute to go, a defensive Lander turn over, followed up by a successful shot levelled the game once more. On our centre pass, all we had to do was keep possession and score in the dying seconds – easy right?!!

Well, despite the immense pressure, that's exactly what happened. We are all so proud of you girls and you thoroughly deserve your title and ticket to the regionals. WELL DONE!!!!

*Miss Cain and Lucianne*

Squad: SORCHA K, ELLIE S, EVA A, MAISIE H, ROSIE D@, SUNNY I, MOLLY K, LAILA C, CHARLOTTE G, XANTHE S, POPPY S.





## RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

### RLS Equestrian Team Update

**O**n Sunday 12th November the RLS equestrian team took part in the Cornwall Schools Showjumping at Pendarves Equestrian Centre. Both teams competed brilliantly. The Open team (Milly, Martha and Eliza) finished in 2nd place, missing out on 1st place by half a second! They were also placed third in tack and turnout. Milly was placed 3rd individually, and Martha 7th. The Novice team (Jennifer, Lexy, Megan and Tilda) placed 3rd as a team, and Jennifer was placed 2nd and Tilda 4th individually.

All riders competed fantastically and represented the school really well. A massive thank you to parents and carers for getting students there on the day.



### Student Success – More Gold Medals for Eileen!

**H**uge congratulations to Year 8 student Eileen who has won another 5 GOLD medals at the latest International Kickboxing Competition event, which was held, last weekend, in Austria.

Competing for Team England in the WMAC Bregen World Cup, Eileen won no less than 5 events - the Girls 7-12 years +50/-50 and, fighting in an age class up, the Girls 13-14 years -50, -55 and -60k events! In a 12h day her stamina, focus, world class kicks and punches shone through!

Eileen started kickboxing 7 years ago and now mainly trains in Newquay. She competes in point fighting and travels all over, with Team England, to international events. She is now looking forward to the next competition in January. Well done Eileen!





# MFL UPDATE BARCELONA '23

**Y**ear 9 students and RLS staff enjoyed an amazing trip to Barcelona in the week before the half term break! Highlights included the Spotify Immersive FC Barcelona Tour, La Sagrada Familia and Port Adventura theme park. Here are few of our social media posts.



**Our Spotify Immersive Tour of Nou Camp did not disappoint! From its 1899 beginnings, five times Champions League wins, exemplary youth training ground - La Masia - through to the spectacular new stadium which is currently under construction, FC Barcelona has always been a club which pushes limits, and surely the most stylish club in the world to boot!**

**Students enjoying Gaude's beautiful Park Guell. RLS students study Gaude in their art lessons and create tiled towers as part of their homework and we all enjoyed seeing the inspiration for this, along with amazing views of Barcelona's skyline.**



**An excellent afternoon touring the historic sites and art installations of Barcelona.**

**We visited Las Ramblas, La Boqueria, the Gothic Quarter and enjoyed the street performer's acrobatics outside the Cathedral...on the way we enjoyed art by Picasso, the iconic KAWS Mickey Mouse at the Moco Museum and The Kissing Wall.**



**Hoy es martes. Hace sol. Nos vamos a PortAventura! PortAventura is Spain's biggest theme park and the third largest in Europe. Amongst many other rides, it boasts Europe's fastest (Furious Baco), highest and longest drop (Shambhala) rollercoasters! There are also loads of shows :) We can't wait...**

### **Furious Baco, 850 metres at full speed**

An incredible catapult transformed into Europe's fastest roller coaster.

In Furious Baco, a professor is preparing to launch his new grape collecting machine; if his assistant monkey pulls the wrong lever, the contraption will turn into an out-of-control catapult.

This unbelievable catapult puts even the bravest of passengers to the test, going from 0 to 135 km/h in just 3 seconds. On its heart-stopping trajectory, the catapult soars downwards, almost touching the ground, crossing ditches, hurtling through tunnels and even skimming the water of the Mediterrània Lake.





## **BARCELONA '23 CONTINUED..**

**¡Hoy es miércoles 18 de Octubre - ¡Feliz Cumpleaños Belle! ¡Nos vamos a La Sagrada Familia, el Estadio Olímpico, sede temporal del FC Barcelona, la playa y las tiendas! ¡Será un día ajetreado!**

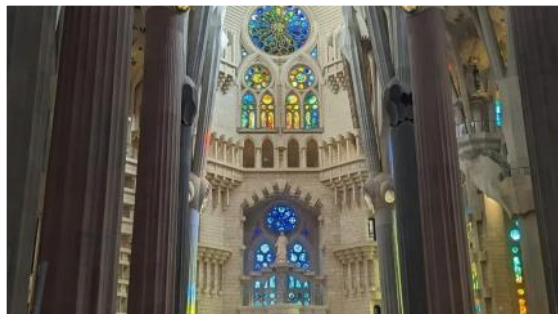


*Today is Wednesday 18th October - Happy Birthday Belle! We are going to La Sagrada Familia, the Olympic Stadium, temporary home of FC Barcelona, the beach and the shops! It will be a busy day!*

**La Sagrada Familia - probably the most beautiful building in the world!**

**With columns and ceiling representing trees in a forest, stained glass windows designed to work with the rising and setting sun, unique helix light tunnels which maximise natural light, turtles supporting the entrance... it resonates with nature and is a stunning, light church of the present day and future.**

**One side represents the Passion of Christ, the other contrasts this with the Nativity. There are mathematical and linguistic references. It really is very special.**



**Una tarde encantadora comprando y jugando en la playa. Incluso vimos el yate de un multimillonario!**





**RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL**

# **CAREERS FAIR**

**Opportunities**



**Starting  
From  
9:40AM**

**THURSDAY  
30TH  
NOVEMBER**

**SPORTS  
HALL**

**Meet local employers and representatives  
from colleges, the armed services and  
apprenticeship providers**

**See You  
There!**



THEME : PEOPLE

**PHOTOGRAPHY  
COMPETITION**

THE  
DEADLINE IS  
12TH  
JANUARY

YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE YOUR:  
NAME  
YEAR GROUP  
TUTOR GROUP

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