



his year's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Monday 11th December and, for many of us, provided the perfect beginning to the festive period.

The event began with students processing down the central aisle of Truro Cathedral, the only visible light coming from their candles. Students carefully protected their candle flames, patiently awaiting their turn to process.

In the darkness our choirs sang 'Walking in the Air' and 'Once in Royal David's City' beautifully. Soloists Ella and Delilah did a superb job.

This was the perfect start to the event, setting the scene of a tradition that goes back 100s of years, and indeed the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was first started in Truro Cathedral on 24th December 1880.

The Service continued with readings from the Nativity and musical performances from school bands, choirs and of course the congregation. Everyone who performed made every member of Richard Lander School staff so proud to be a part of your school! Well done to Ella, Delilah, Louis, Beezy, Kensa, Seth,





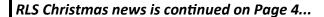


## Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - Truro Cathedral

Daisy, Molly, Hallie, Gracie, Tabitha, Louis, Luke, Mr McDonald, Elliot, Immy, Maria, Mr Mulcahy, Keira, Olivia and George who all performed solos.

After months of preparation the service involved over 300 students and was enjoyed by over 500 visitors to Truro Cathedral with nearly 700 views on our first ever YouTube livestream. Thank you all!

Thank you also to Truro Cathedral for your warm hospitality. Thank you to Miles and Andrew for your excellent technical support in making the livestream so professional and engaging. Finally thank you to our wonderful Creative Arts staff who organised the whole event, with special mention to musical directors, Miss Foxon and Mr Gibbons, for their inspirational leadership!

















### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **DECEMBER**

**Thursday 14th** 

Y11 GCSE Drama Exam ARB Swimming at Truro Leisure

Centre

18:00 Iceland Trip—Parent Meeting

Friday 15th

Y11 GCSE Drama Exam

ARB Visit to Peter Pan at the Hall

for Cornwall

Year 11 PPE 1 Results Day

**Monday 17th** 

School Choirs and Orchestra Performance at Redannick House Nursing Home

**Tuesday 19th December** 

**Last Day of Term** 

Non- Uniform day for Truro Foodbank. Please bring £1 or a donation of food.

Period 3 will be a tutor party/

whole school quiz

School will finish at 12:00

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** 

Monday 8th—Friday 12th

Year 9 Progress Reviews

**Tuesday 9th** 

**Exeter Maths School** 

**Thursday 11th January** 

17:00-19:00: Year 9 Options

**Evening** 

Friday 12th

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

Monday 15th

Falmouth University Trip

Wednesday 17th

BBC Bitesize Schools Tour - all of

Year 7 and 8

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** 

**Thursday 25th** 

GCSE Music Performance Exam

Friday 26th

Primary Languages Workshop with

RLS Year 10 Languages

**Ambassadors** 

18:00-21:00

Lander4Uganda BINGO NIGHT!

Sunday 28th

**Gymnastics Competition at Kingsley** 

School, Bideford

**Tuesday 30th** 

Marine & Sustainability Day

Wednesday 31st

18:00-20:00-Carrick Dance

Performance at the Hall for

Cornwall

**FEBRUARY** 

**Thursday 1st** 

U12 Country Netball Tournament at Truro School and Penair

15:30-18:30-Year 10 Parents

**Evening** 

Friday 2nd

Years 4,5,6 Cross Country

Competition with RLS Sports

Leaders

Ice Skating Rewards Trip to the

**Eden Project** 

Monday 5th—Sunday 11th

National Apprenticeship Week

**Tuesday 6th** 

Take Your Child to Work Day

Les Miserables Rehearsal Drop

Down Day

Wednesday 24th

16:30-19:30 Governor Meeting -

Teaching & Learning Committee

Thursday 8th/Friday 9th

Musical Showcase

Friday 9th

Year 11 Apprenticeship Workshop

Monday 12th February—Friday

16th February

Half Term Break

Monday 19th February—Friday

8th March

Year 11 PPE2

Monday 19th February—Friday

23rd February

Year 8 Paris Trip

**Tuesday 20th** 

Year 9 Mingalaba Visit to Penryn

College

#### NOTICE FROM SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER ABOUT CASHLESS CATERING

Cashless catering has gone well over the last couple of weeks with students getting used to the new system. We had a week long, whole school, biometric scanning process before we launched on 4th December but have had subsequent consents from parents for their children to be scanned who may have not have had this done yet. If your child has not been scanned and wishes to do so they can come along to the School Business Manager's office to get it done – it is super quick.

Please can we remind you that from 4th January the canteen will no longer accept cash at the tills and it will operate cashless only







#### **ChemisTREE!**

Happy Advent from our Science department!

Behold our wonderful, glow in the dark ChemisTree! It was made by our Science Technicians to enter in a competition launched by Philip Harris UK and can potentially win £250 school equipment...

The ChemisTree uses the ink from highlighter pens and UV light; so this is something you could actually try at home!











#### Lander4Uganda Fundraising at Christmas

hristmas provides a great opportunity to raise money for Lander4Uganda. With over 60 students going to Uganda this year, we have the opportunity to make a substantial difference but we will need lots of money to fund building materials, hire tradespeople to show us what to do and to do the bits we can't, host feasts and talent competitions..

Ms O'Connor has created these lovely laser etched Christmas tree decorations which can be personalised - just £2/£3. Mrs Grenfell has been selling African crafts. A team of students did an awesome job of collecting donations for programmes at the Cathedral on Monday night. Well done to you all!

If you are on the Uganda team please have a think about organising a fundraiser at home—We will support!







esterday lunchtime, the Eco Team/DT Club hosted a Zero Waste Christmas Craft Fair where everything sold had been made from school waste!

Lander4Uganda joined the event selling African crafts, and, Lander made, Christmas baubles.

All proceeds from all stalls will go to really good causes, either Lander4Uganda or reinvestment in Eco Team/DT Club product development and student trips so it was a truly ethical event. It was also a huge success with products flying off the stalls!

Here are some examples/prices: Frisbee / Pen Tray\_ made from RLS DT project waste, shredded, pressed into sheets, and vacuum formed in school - £2

Phone Holder - made from RLS DT project waste, shredded, pressed, cut and shaped in school - £1

'Bean' Bags - made from upholstery fabric samples, filled with shredded gluesticks. Processing, shredding and sewing done in school - £1 each or 3 for £2.50

Christmas Pudding Tree Decoration - made from upholstery fabric samples, filled with shredded gluesticks. Processing, shredding and sewing done in school - £1.50.each

Repair Patches - made from upholstery fabric samples, screen printed and stitched in school - £1 each











### Christmas in the Ark

he Ark held a Christmas Coffee Morning to raise money for their trip to see Peter Pan at the Hall for Cornwall this week.

They sold cakes and tea and coffee and ran games

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and RLS staff who supported - as you see the Maths department were particularly delighted with the cake and Nicola from Year 8 was a very welcome guest too!







Our Young Enterprise company -Cissonia's Crafts - have these beautiful Christmas cards on offer. They have designed themselves using their creativity and technical expertise.

Watch out for their main product launch in early 2024!



**Buy greetings** cards £3 for 5 or £1 each in school in December





Brought to you by Cissonia's crafts, this year's Young Enterprise business at Richard Lander











Looking for the perfect Christmas present for a keen reader?

Our literacy lead, Ms Powers, has put together this Merry **Bookmas** infographic.

When you've got a good book, you will have a great day, whatever the weather!



Merry Bookmas











## **W**

#### **RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN 14th December 2023**

## RLS Giving Back Raising money for Truro Foodbank this Christmas



Miss Churchill and Mr McDonald's tutor groups are organising foodbank donations this Christmas with the help of Truro Foodbank's Reverse Advent scheme.

It's a great opportunity for tutor groups to support the community by helping those who will be in need this Christmas.

The idea is for each tutor group to place a single donation into a box for every day of December! Or, of course, we will also gratefully receive ad-hoc donations using the calendar as a guide for the items the foodbank is in need of:)

With every tutor group donating, we should have well over 1,000 much-needed items to be gifted to the Truro

Food Bank for Christmas/New Year which will be truly awesome!

The calendar launched on Monday 27th of November 2023, and Miss Churchill's 'elves' will collect any donations during the last week of term.

We will also hold a non-uniform day on the last day of term (Christmas themed!) with all proceeds (food items or cash) going to Truro Foodbank.

Thank you very much for taking the time to help out this Christmas; Happy Reverse Adventing!



#### **Tutor Time Fun at Christmas!**

As well as advent calendars, Secret Santas, decorating classrooms, tutor time Christmas party planning, some of our tutor group mascots have been enjoying Advent. A naughty elf has arrived in the tutor room of GRKN and is having fun giving Moomin Mamma the run around! Mrs Knight's beloved Moomin vanishes everyday and then pops up somewhere different with her new friend.. Meanwhile honoured members of PVDo, Bartholomew and Gertrude have been posing by the Christmas tree and nativity scene. This



year, these intrepid softies have spent the weekends with tutees, getting a taste of young adult life in Cornwall!













## Staff Wellbeing Christmas Sessions



S taff wellbeing sessions have been going down very well!

There has been the RLS Staff Bake Off (can you spot the winner?), Lino Printing and a Sound Bath.. following up on Rope Wreath Making, Makaton Carols and Welcome Mat Printing.

It's been great to get a taste of what our students enjoy so much. Thank you to all the teachers who have delivered these and Mrs Toms and Mrs Towers for organising them all.

Richard Lander School is a lovely place to work. Check out our current vacancies on the school website.

https://www.richardlander.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/







### Our wonderful lunchtime supervisors at Christmas lunch this week!

We are eternally grateful to these people for all they do to look after 1500+ students every single school day!

Merry Christmas to you all!



## Christmas Workshops Around School

Students have been enjoying workshops making Yule Logs and Christmas decorations. Here are a selected group enjoying making recycled paper Christmas decorations with Miss Carr and Miss Toms.











## Heading to the theatre this Christmas?

f you are going to the Hall for Cornwall Pantomime this year, watch out for Daisy in Year 9 who is playing a 'Lost Boy' in this festive show, which is currently receiving rave reviews!

Daisy, who played Matilda in this year's school production, was chosen for a role in Peter Pan, at the Hall for Cornwall, having auditioned with over 100 other young people.

Rehearsals have been intense but Daisy loves and thrives under this pressure and workload as she is doing what she loves best and she is looking forward to shows until New Year's Eve.

If you are performing in a pantomime this winter, perhaps in your local village, please do let us know and we will share your production's poster on school social media and staff might even buy a few tickets!









n the last weekend of November, we hosted our tenth Lander4Uganda school sleepover and what a fabulous evening it was!

It was an opportunity to spend the evening with your friends, enjoying school facilities your way!

In the evening sleepover students explored got creative taking building, flipping and aiming challenges with Mr Sidwell or creating Christmas cards, jewellery and diamond art with Miss Williams.

Other attendees enjoyed Mr Griffiths' double Minecraft rooms, making chocolate crispy cakes with







Mrs Wherry and Mrs Harrison or playing Board Games with Miss Blake.

With over 450 students attending the November Lander4Uganda Sleepover, there was a real party feel to the event with the best, and most enthusiastic Karaoke performances we have ever seen!



Our Headteacher loves Karaoke, and it turns out that Mr Brokenshire does too - add these to our remarkably talented students and you have the Karaoke session of dreams!

Meanwhile in the canteen, Mr Merrick supervised Nerf Wars (those old Covid visors came in handy..) and the Sports Hall and Gym saw Mr Mcdonald putting on a whole evening of basketball, dodgeball and football...

These activities provided a great opportunity for students to let off steam before retiring to bed for a decent night's sleep. (if only...)

Students also dressed to impress in the L4U Sleepover Photobooth and painted nails and faces with Mrs Boase and Mrs Downing before heading to Mr Warner's cinema to watch a film.

The Lander4Uganda November 2023 Sleepover was our tenth sleepover and the largest one we have ever hosted. It raised a staggering...£6,885.15! This could not have happened without your support and help so thank you to every single student that bought a ticket and came along! Thank you to our remarkable L4U helpers who helped in running activities, sweeping the corridors, making endless toast...

Webale everyone! We are already planning the next school sleepover in March 2024!



The
Lander+Uganda
November
Sleepover raised a
staggering
£6,885.15!!

Well done and thank you to everyone who supported!! Your donations will be wisely spent by the team next July!

















## @RICHARDLANDERSCHOOLART ON INSTAGRAM



Toby in Year 10 is really skilled at paper cutting . He brought this beautiful koi carp in to show us that he created

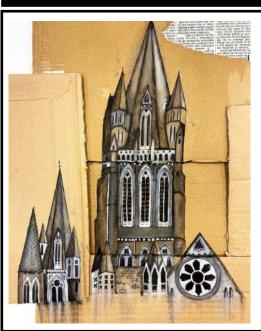




Students at KS3 Art Club made these lovely handmade Christmas cards this evening



Students also made lovely clay Christmas decorations at the workshop last night









Wow! The Year 9 portrait workshop was brilliant today . Students produced some amazing portrait paintings under the expert guidance of Ms Miles!





At the end of last month, Mrs Cornish and Mr Holloway hosted a Partner Primary Schools Quiz and RLS students ran the scoreboard and provided musical entertainment in the interval.

A great day was had by all, with a spirit of friendly competition. Well done to all the teams, our students and staff were super impressed by your knowledge!

After all the rounds had been played the winners were...

In first place:

'Walkers Crisps' (Bosvigo School)

In second place:

'The Chasers' (Chacewater School)

In third place:

'Bob's Dragon' (Threemilestone School)

The musical interlude provided by Lander's musicians was an excellent edition to the quiz. Hosted by Richard Lander's answer to Ant and Dec, It was fabulous to see so many of our students getting up and performing and they all did a marvellous job – roll on Landers Got Talent!













### **RLS CAREERS FAIR 2023**

O ur annual Careers Fair was a huge success with every student in the school offered the opportunity to attend.

Thank you to all the employers, advisors and colleges who braved the snow to provide our students with this amazing day!

It is always particularly wonderful to welcome Richard Lander School alumni back for the careers fair and to hear about thier exciting careers, Pendennis brought 2 ex-students in to tell our current cohort about their exciting careers working on superyachts while Grace Tripp now has an enviable career working in accountancy!

The interactive challenges on offer at the careers fair were very popular—Students enjoyed taking the Nut













## **W**

#### **RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN 14th December 2023**

Buster Challenge, trying their hands at icing a tasty treat to perfection, testing reaction speeds, honing interview technique with the help of VR, gently handling a cockroach or stick insect...

They went on to try out the 'Wattbike', test their reaction speeds with the army, learn how to program robots before meeting the 'Proud to Care' therapy pets!

This year, catering was provided by RLS Year 10 DT Food and Catering students who excelled in offering a tasty, well presented and delicious lunch and somehow managed to gauge the quantities required perfectly as well. Thank you to you and your teachers for this!

Thank you also to all our students for being your usual engaged, exuberant selves and thank you most of all to Mrs Grenfell who organised the whole thing!!

## Thank you to ALL our guests for providing such great activities and wise advice!

























### MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) TASTER CONFERENCE AT TRURO HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday 7th December, five year 9 students took part in a Model United Nations (MUN) taster conference, hosted by Truro High School for Girls.

Upon arrival students were put into country teams and were tasked with researching their country's level of development, political history and views on the 'Freedom of the Press'. The students wrote speeches, presented and debated their resolutions. Overall, a fantastic first experience of MUN for all involved.



For any other students who are interested in joining the MUN team, please speak to Ms Churchill in the Humanities department.

#### **KEY STAGE 3 TUTOR TIME ECO SESSIONS**

every week, our KS3 Tutor Time sessions focus on debate and discussion.

These sessions are led by Lander Talks, Debate Club or Mr Whipp's Eco Sessions which are presentations on considering our carbon footprint, living more sustainably and protecting nature. They are always tied in with what is happening in the news at the time.

We plan to share more of these sessions with parents and carers via school social media and the school bulletin.

This week's discussion revolved around a topic of debate at the beginning of COP28, when world leaders discussed diet change to improve carbon footprint.

Food for thought?

#### How much impact does food have? The single biggest Proportion of total greenhouse gas emissions from food difference you can make Other greenhouse to your Carbon emissions come from Footprint is to make changes in your diet More than half of food Other food Do the foods which emissions come from animal products you eat tell you enough about their Half of all farmed impact on the Other anima animal emission come from beef products 50% environment? and lamb

NEWS

Nove | based Gazawar | Cost of Unleg | Year in Uthanite | Climate | UK | World | Reviews | Publics | Culture
United & Environment

Source: Poore & Nemecek (2018), Scie

Eating less meat 'like taking 8m cars off road'



Having big UK meat-eaters cut some of it out of their diet would be like taking 8 million cars off the road.

RRIG

Prof Peter Scarborough, of Oxford University, who led the new research, told BBC News: "Our results show that if everyone in the UK who is a big meat-eater reduced the amount of meat they ate, it would make a really big difference."

"You don't need to completely eradicate meat from your diet."





https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-46459714

## CAREERS EXPERIENCE WITH CORNWALL MARINE NETWORK TRAINING & EDUCATION

120 Richard Lander School students will have the amazing opportunity to study sustainability, engineering, and boatbuilding with Cornwall Marine Network Training & Education Development Manager, Joe Davies. Joe has travelled and worked all over the world and will inspire students with the opportunities on offer should they choose these career routes.

In an action packed, challenge based, 3-part day, students will learn about the pillars of sustainability before designing the most sustainable school they can in small groups, they will learn about marine engineering and build bridges and tall structures, and finally learn about boatbuilding before designing and building their own boats.

Sign up for one of the 4 available dates with Mrs Grenfell now: 30th January, 5th March, 26th March, 16th April.









## GCSE DRAMA PIECE RAISES AWARENESS OF PERIOD POVERTY

his week students have been performing their GCSE Drama devised pieces. Well done to you all, we have been hearing great things about your performances around school.

Student-designed sets really have been something special this year and here is one of our absolute favourites.

Working with Creative Arts technician, Mrs Buys, Ava has created this innovative set with revolving panels and giant boxes of tampons. The piece is all about period poverty.

No one at Richard Lander need suffer from period poverty. There is a table of sanitary supplies at main reception and Mrs Chilcott will always give you what you need from the medical office. She also has some really lovely eco options. Please don't feel shy, we are here to help.

#periodpovertyawareness







### RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

#### **National Cup** Success for RLS U13s

arlier this month, the RLS U13 Boys Football Team played Torbridge in the 4th round of the National Cup. They won 4-3 on penalties as the game



was a 1-1 stalemate after 70 minutess of play...

They are now into the last 16 teams of the National Cup and have a trip to either Somerset or Devon for their next game!

Drustyn was player of the match, Charlie B scored the one and only goal and Harley G made a crucial save in the penalty shootout!

To date the boys have played 5 games with wins over Pool 10-0, Camborne 3-1, Penryn 3-1, Newquay Tretherras 2-0 and Torbridge 1-1 (4-3Pens)

Very well done to all students who have represented Richard Lander School at these matches!

#### Stay Active this Christmas Holiday

There are spaces still available for Time2Move's Christmas holiday activities!

These are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays and there is availability across the county, including Bude, Falmouth and Penryn, Hayle, St Ives and Penzance.







Welcome to the Time2Move Holiday Programme funded by the Department for Education



Activities include multi sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and lots more for children aged 5 to 16 Every session includes a healthy meal for all children and funded places are available for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Visit the Time2Move website to find out more or email time2move.holidayprogramme@cornwall.gov.uk

https://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/



## RLS KS3 NETBALL TEAMS 2023/2024

ere are some of the amazing netball players who have represented Richard Lander School this term.

Thank you for putting your all into every match and for being such excellent teammates to staff and friends!

The Year 7 students below represented Richard Lander School in a netball away game away at Penair earlier this week

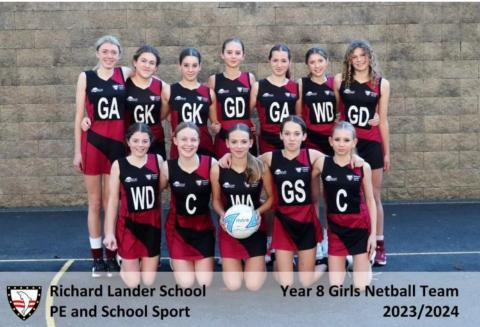
They won a hard earned draw, showing determination and resilience along the way.

Massive thanks to Lucianne Stribley for all her help and well done to all the girls who played!











Richard Lander School
PE and School Sport

Year 9 Girls Netball Teams 2023/2024





THEME: PEOPLE

### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

THE
DEADLINE IS
12TH
JANUARY

YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE YOUR:

NAME

YEAR GROUP

TUTOR GROUP

**EMAIL YOUR IMAGES TO** 

CREATIVEARTS@RICHARDLANDER.CO.UK









## YOU ARE INVITED TO



Email your photos and include the following:

- Winter Wonderland
- School name
- Student name

Example: Winter Wonderland, Threemilestone, Freddie Smith

Email to: Creativearts@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

ENTRY IS NOW OPEN