



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

17th December 2025

Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

Wednesday 17th

ARB Litter Pick

Christmas Lunch—School Canteen

'In The News' Graphic Design

Exhibition—Main Hall 2pm –8pm

Thursday 18th

Year 11 Christmas Entertainment

Rustikated—Helston

Friday 19th

Last Day of Term—Finish 12pm

Saturday 20th December - Sunday

4th January - Christmas Break

JANUARY

Monday 5th

First Day of Spring Term

Year 10 Mock Exams

Monday 5th - Friday 16th

Year 9 Progress Reviews

Thursday 8th

ARB Visit to Pets at Home

Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 13th

Kernow Rising Showcase

Rehearsal

Thursday 13th

Axiom Maths Face to Face—Year 7

Year 9 Options Evening

Monday 19th - Friday 30th

Year 10 Progress Reviews

Tuesday 20th

School Nurse Drop In—Disordered

Eating and Emotional Wellbeing

Year 9—Mingaliba - MFL

Thursday 22nd

Immunisations—Year 8 HPV

Paris Trip Parents Evening

Friday 23rd

Houses of Parliament and Imperial

War Museum Trip

Talk the Talk Express

Communication Workshop

MFL Primary Workshop

Saturday 24th

South West Milano Gymnastics

Competition

Thursday 29th

Spotlight Ensemble

Drama Group

Hall for Cornwall

Friday 30th

Regional Finals -

Netball—Bournemouth

FEBRUARY

2nd - 9th

National Apprenticeship

Week



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL

*Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols*

TRURO CATHEDRAL 11/12/2025 6:30PM

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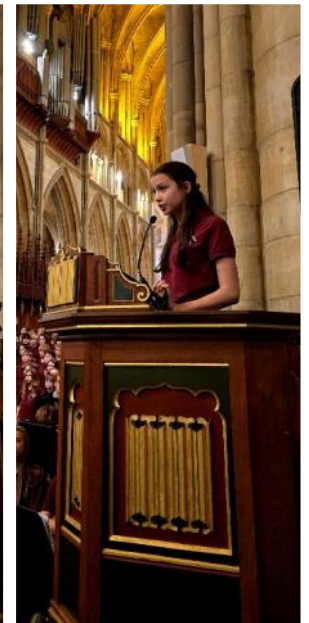
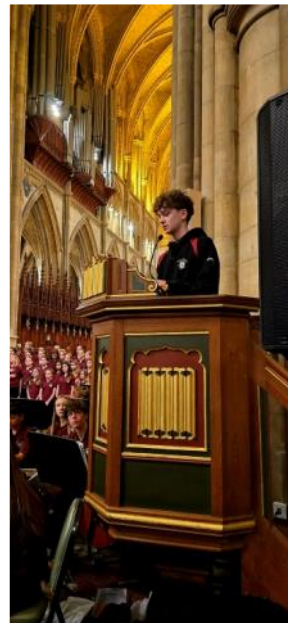
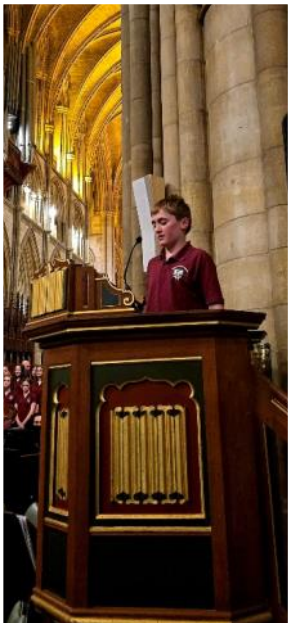
Presented to you by the staff and
students of Richard Lander School



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

NOW on YouTube!

Last Thursday nearly 400 Richard Lander School students performed in a truly memorable Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Truro Cathedral. From the moment they arrived, they were a real credit to our school – looking smart, behaving impeccably, and singing with loud, clear and beautifully expressive voices in such a magnificent setting.





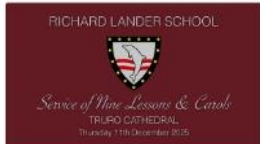
The service began with Selected Voices singing Silent Night a cappella, followed by Once in Royal David's City with Billy singing the first verse solo. Students from Years 7 and 8 processed through the Cathedral carrying candles, setting a scene of peace, spirituality and respect for the night ahead.

Our choirs, musicians and readers were undoubtedly the Christmas stars of the service, filling the cathedral with festive spirit, clear narration and musical excellence. A special mention must go to our soloists and readers: Billy, Victoria, Rosa, Kerys, Noah, Eliza, Maisie, Lucas, Sienna, Ella, Esme, Ned, Elliott, Molly, Daisy, Alyssa, Dr Stubbs and Mr Mulcahy, whose contributions added depth, confidence and warmth to the evening.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Music Department for months of careful preparation, in particular to Mrs Munns for her outstanding leadership on the night and the Miss Jones who also worked for months in advance to prepare students for these performances. Thank you also to the wider RLS staff for their supervision and organisation, especially Mrs Toms for organising and Mr Williams for leading the readers.

We are extremely grateful to Truro Cathedral for providing such a stunning and atmospheric venue, to Alfie for his wonderful piano playing, and to our audience for their warm support and appreciation. The standing ovation at the end of the service meant so much to everyone involved.

Thank you to our community for being so understanding about the shortfall in tickets this year. There is now a video of the event for you to share with your families over Christmas. Thank you so much to Mike Davey Photography for providing this.



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A Richard Lander School Christmas

Christmas has truly arrived at Richard Lander School, and the final weeks of term have been filled with creativity, celebration and festive cheer. Alongside our seasonal highlight – the much-loved Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Truro Cathedral – students across the school have been enjoying a wide range of activities that capture the spirit of Christmas and the joy of learning.



Tutor rooms have been transformed with festive decorations, while students have worked together to create beautiful ornaments for the school Christmas trees. In lessons, seasonal learning has been brought to life in imaginative ways: balloon-powered Santa sleighs have raced across classrooms, mince pies have (occasionally!) been burnt in the name of science (to calculate energy), and students have baked the most impressive traditional French and





Spanish cakes by carefully following recipes written in a foreign language.

Creativity has been on full display as students crafted Christmas stars from recycled paper, baked and decorated Yule logs from scratch ready for judging, made plastic free tree decorations out of clay (much more environmentally friendly than plastic) and made other festive crafts during the school sleepover. Our Christmas celebrations have also included a delicious school Christmas dinner, enjoyed by students and staff alike, and a Christmas games coffee morning and a magical trip to see Aladdin at the Hall for Cornwall for our ARK students.

Our GCSE Art and Design students enjoyed an exciting trip to London last Friday. After exploring the iconic V&A, visiting the Marie Antoinette exhibition to learn about the French Queen's life and continuing influence on fashion, students spent the afternoon in the Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park, sipping hot

MFL baking competition!!!

Can you bake the traditional

"Roscon de los reyes"



Come and collect an information sheet about this fun tradition and a French or Spanish recipe from the Languages base.

Bring in your entries to the languages base on

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER





chocolate, feasting on Bavarian hot dogs, winning cuddly toys and flying through the sky on white-knuckle rides!

Adding to the excitement, Year 11 students have been rehearsing hard for their festive entertainment, and yesterday and today they have entertained the rest of the school with their amazing show – a wonderful way to end the term and showcase their talent and teamwork.



We finish the term on Friday with a non-uniform day in aid of Truro Foodbank, reminding us of the importance of generosity and community at this time of year.

It has been a joyful and memorable Christmas season at Richard Lander School, filled with music, creativity, laughter and togetherness. We would like to thank our students, staff and families for making it so special and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Attendance Update: 12 Days of Christmas

BE IN TO WIN! **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

As the nights draw in and winter colds begin to creep up, we know it can feel harder to get into school – but being here every day really does make a difference. So from 3–19 December, we're running our very own 12 Days of Christmas giveaway! Each day, every student who attends will be entered into a prize draw, and could win cinema vouchers, an Amazon Echo Pop, Waterstones vouchers, chocolate, family ticket to watch Truro City and more. Turn up, join in, and you could be a winner!



BE IN TO WIN! **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY!**



Our Attendance team have thoroughly enjoyed playing Father Christmas and running a daily lottery which every student in school is entered into! Prizes have got bigger, better and more plentiful as the days have gone on.. What will the prize be on the last day of term we wonder?

BE IN TO WIN! **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY
3rd DECEMBER**
"You made it in
— now you're in
to win!"



BE IN TO WIN! **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

DAY 2: THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
"Great job getting to school...
now grab your chance to win a
prize!"



BE IN TO WIN! **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

DAY 3: FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
"In school today? You're in the
draw today!"





Pearl of Africa Children's Choir

Just after the half term break KS3 students enjoyed an amazing morning and the taste of pure African sunshine with the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir! Choir students and staff are from the Molly and Paul schools which the Lander4Uganda team fundraise for, and stay at, on our school trips to Uganda in July. Richard Lander School has enjoyed a wonderful partnership with these schools for over 15 years, following a chance meeting between our Headteacher and Annet, Headteacher of the Kamuzinda Molly and Paul schools, at Truro Cathedral. The choir are our friends and the welcome they received from Lander4Uganda alumni showed these friendships are something which survives the test of time!

All Year 7 and Year 8 student enjoyed drumming, singing and dance workshops with Jau, Ronald, Marvin, Veran and Annet. They were super quick learners and really enthusiastic too. It was wonderful to see our students both showing respect to their young Ugandan teachers, and also showing friendship with high fives, curious questions and photo opportunities at the end of the workshops.

The workshops were followed by an evening concert from the choir with the chance for our students to perform with the choir on stage. There was fabulous audience participation on the night— we could've been in Uganda! The choir said that our concert was their best attended event on the tour. We were delighted with the support shown, both by our current students and parents, and by RLS alumni who came back to school to wish their Uganda friends well. We sold African crafts on the night and raised thousands of pounds for the choir. These funds will support the education of children at the schools.

Thank you so much to the choir for the energy, sunshine, and cultural richness you bring to our school.

Thank you to our incredible Selected Voices Choir for their beautiful performance of 'Imela' with Jau.

Thank you to all the Lander4Uganda alumni who came along to support! It was wonderful to see you!

Thank you to RLS families, old and new, who were there on the night to make it the biggest audience the choir has had so far on this tour!





Lander4Uganda Fundraising Update

The Lander4Uganda Team hosted a **Winter Sleepover** this month which saw around 300 students sleeping in school after an evening of exciting activities. Students were entertained with retro games consoles, Just Dance, Karaoke, 3 craft rooms, all night sports, Nerf Wars, cinema and games rooms... before spending the night in classroom dormitories with their friends. After breakfast the following morning they were returned to their families - tired but having had a wonderful evening which they won't forget! This event raised thousands of pounds for the Lander4Uganda fundraising pot and the team would like to thank everyone who supported it— Year 10 helpers (who were amazing!), the students who attended and their parents who paid for it!

The Lander4Uganda team have also been selling donuts/cookies every Friday, along with pre-loved school uniform at school events this term.

The Lander4Uganda Uniform team are always very grateful for donations of outgrown uniform in good, clean condition. If you would be so kind as to drop any donations to Main Reception we will happily take them off your hands. For our second hand uniform prices and how to order please see the flier on the last pages.

Turing Scheme

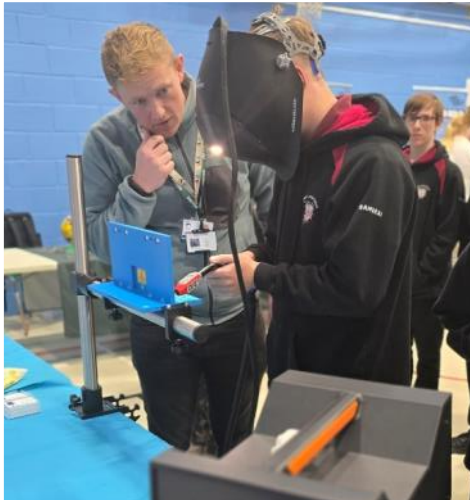
This term we have confirmed our 12 Turing students who are joining the Lander4Uganda 2026 team. Richard Lander School has been fortunate to receive Turing funding for the Uganda trip for the last three years and this has enabled us to take students to Uganda for free or a heavily subsidised cost. We had 24 excellent applications for Turing this year, and our only regrets are that we can't take you all!



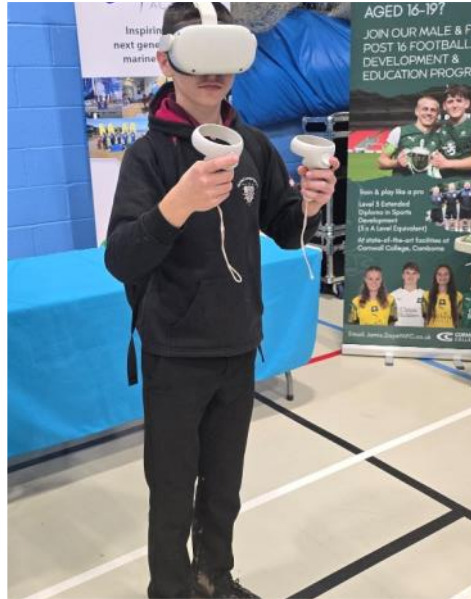


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Careers Fair 2025



A huge thank you to our amazing local employers, public sector workers, and education providers who supported our Careers Fair in November.

The fair, organised by our Careers Lead, Mrs Grenfell, saw around 1,500 students from all year groups exploring their “Life After Lander” options and with the opportunity to talk directly with a wide range of industry experts and education providers.

Every trade stand was engaging, welcoming, and full of valuable advice and activities — and our students absolutely loved it!

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, shared their knowledge, and inspired our young people.

Thank you! Argyle Community Trust, British Army, Coastline, Cormac, Cornwall College Group Cornwall Hospitality Collective, Cornwall Marine Network, Cornwall School of Maths and Science and Camborne VI Form, Next Steps South West, PALL Aerospace, Paul Morgan and Associates Wealth Management Ltd, Pendennis Shipyard, Pharmacy - Cornwall and Isle of Scilly, RAF, Teaching Personnel, The Foundation College at Jason Thomas Performing Arts, The Headland Hotel, Treviglas Academy Sixth Form, Truro & Penwith - Automotive, Truro & Penwith College - Hospitality, Construction, Business and Law Faculty, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Sport, Health and Education Faculty, TSAP Travel & Education, University of Plymouth, Watergate Bay Hotel and SeaSpace Porth Ltd, Whyfield & WSP / Institution of Civil Engineers





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Year 12 Presentation Evening

Year 12 Presentation Evening was a wonderful evening of welcoming back the Class of 2025 for their exam certificates and special awards.

This year group will always be remembered for their resilience — starting their secondary journey in lockdown, navigating online lessons, Covid tests, and constant uncertainty. Through it all, they showed determination, kindness, and incredible strength.

Head Student speeches are always the highlight of Presentation Evening and this year was no exception. Sithula, Polly and Evie delivered a wonderful synopsis of the Class of 2025's time at Richard Lander School, with confidence and humour, reminding us all of the challenges and highlights this unprecedented 5 year journey brought to these young people. Thank you for the effort you put in, thank you for your appreciation, thank you for being incredible Head Students. There are highlights of these speeches on Instagram and Facebook.

Well done to every Class of 2025 student, and all the very best for your future adventures. You've grown into well-rounded, confident young adults we are truly proud of, and your excellent exam results are a testament to their hard work. We can't wait to see what you achieve next!



Acting Pathway Extended Diploma Present: Macbeth

Earlier this week our Year 10 BTEC Drama students and the KS3 MABLE Drama group 'Spotlight Ensemble' went over to Truro College to watch the Acting Pathway Extended Diploma students' performance of 'Macbeth'. It was an excellent performance which really captivated and inspired our students!

The students watched intently and asked some superb questions to the cast and lecturer Kit Savage, after the performance. Within the cast of performers was ex-student Leland Robbins who is in the process of auditioning for theatre schools in London.

Meeting Rukmini Devi Public School

Our Dance students enjoyed a Zoom presentation with Rukmini Devi Public School in New Delhi this week. This was a fantastic opportunity to share wellbeing activities across continents!

RDPS students taught us about yoga - with a history lesson, a demonstration and a chance for our students to join in, whilst our students presented on contemporary dance, showcasing a performance, choreographed by Beezy and Esme, a class on stretching, and examples of jumps.

Finally students regrouped for a question and answer session. A thoroughly enjoyable morning and exchange of ideas!





UK Parliament Week

Richard Lander School students enthusiastically took part in UK Parliament Week, enjoying a tutor-time quiz and entering a competition to win subsidised places on our upcoming trip to the Houses of Parliament and the Imperial War Museum.

Here are some of our successful entrants so far who will be going on the trip! There are still a few places remaining on the trip, scheduled for 23rd January 2026. It promises to be an enriching and memorable experience — exploring the Houses of Parliament, the heart of British democracy, and visiting the Imperial War Museum, offering powerful insights into the impact of conflict on people's lives. As this trip is subsidised by the government, it costs just £30. If you are interested in joining the trip please see Mrs Brindley in the History Department.

Last term we all dressed up in PINK to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. We started supporting Breast Cancer Now many years ago when one of our much loved English teachers—Mrs Astle, a cancer survivor herself— suggested it to us. Even though Mrs Astle has now moved on to a new job, we are proud to be continuing our support of this worthy charity.

Here is a message from Breast Cancer Now to you all..

I want to start by saying a huge, heartfelt thank you. We were absolutely thrilled — and genuinely moved — to hear that the students and staff at Richard Lander School have raised an incredible £1,271.30 for Wear It Pink 2025.

Your generosity, enthusiasm and the effort that's clearly gone into this fundraising mean more to us than you can imagine. It's not just the amount — though it's truly amazing — it's the spirit behind it. The time, energy and passion your school community has shown will make such a real and lasting difference, and we're incredibly grateful.





The Year 7 Lost on Gibbon Island winners were treated to an incredible virtual author visit from Jess Butterworth today!



Reading Update

‘Meeting Jess and getting a free book over the summer to start Year 7 was amazing! We got to talk to a real author, learn writing tips, share ideas, and feel inspired to keep reading and creating all summer!’

Maisie, Year 7



Students also enjoyed a fabulous creative writing workshop with author, Lucy Beckley. They created centro or patchwork poems, using their favourite lines from published poems and then shared their work with the class. The chosen students had all written exceptional poems for the National Poetry Day competition and were rewarded with this workshop. Author, Lucy, was really impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm for creative writing. Well done to you all!



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The Schools Laureate Prize Success

Congratulations to Fleur who entered the Schools Laureate Prize and received a commendation for her translation of Spanish poem 'Los Pirates!'

The Schools Laureate Prize is a prestigious, international translation competition, run by the Stephen Spender Trust, which focuses on young people and their creative expression.

Well done Fleur!



Richard Lander School Observe Remembrance

Thank you to all the students who came into school in Cadet, Guide and Scout uniform today to observe Remembrance.

You looked very smart and have represented your units and groups impeccably. Your uniforms brought an extra reverence to our day and gave us all pause for thought.

Thank you to Rosa who put the tutor presentation together and to the Head students who lead on the observance. Thank you to Mrs Munns and Daisy H who played the Last Post so beautifully.

We will remember them.



Star Student - Creative Arts - Millie

So great to hear from Cornwall Music Service Trust that Millie has been chosen as pupil of the month! And we couldn't agree more... Millie heads up our tech team and has run both SIX and the recent Year 9 E-Safety Tour as well!

CMST Pupil of the Month for October – Millie!

Millie lights up every lesson with her enthusiasm and passion for Musical Theatre. Over the past few weeks, she's made huge progress with her breath control, phrasing and performance — bringing every song to life with confidence, gestures, and expressive vocals!

Not only that, but Millie also works behind the scenes on her school productions, helping with PA, amps and mics — a true all-round musician!

She's currently rehearsing for Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat with RAOST, and we can't wait to see her shine on stage!





RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT



Regional Cross Country

Following the success of three of our teams at the Cornwall and Devon stage of the English Schools Cross Country Cup we made the long trip to Leweston School in Dorset for the regional rounds of this competition. 8 students took part in this event on a sunny November day, on a very tough and challenging course, pitting themselves against some of the best young long distance runners in the south-west of England.

The highlight performances of the day came from Seb in year 7 who finished a very creditable 20th in his race and an outstanding performance in the Inter Boys race saw Oli in Year 9 achieving a brilliant 10th place. These results are all the more impressive when you consider that both boys were running against students a year older than themselves, giving them great encouragement for next

year's competition.

Well done to all 8 students who represented Richard Lander School in this competition. They were; from left to right in the team photo, Jack and Seb (Year 7), Eoin (Year 10), Oli (Year 9), Isaac, Artie, Joey and George (Year 8).

A big thank you to Penryn College who provided us with transport on the day.

There are lots more Cross Country and Athletics events coming later in the academic year. Information will be out soon about the Cornwall Schools Cross Country Championships in January 2026.

Mr Stoddard



Gymnastics

These RLS Gymnasts all competed in the South West round of the Milano Trampolining competition, traveling all the way to Western-Super-Mare!

They had a fantastic day, with great routines performed and lots learned!



Thank you to Miss Hurworth and parents/drivers for supporting these fantastic opportunities, allowing our most talented gymnasts to compete at national level.

Year 7 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rugby A Team on an excellent season. The boys turn up for training every week full of enthusiasm and work ethic and they have quickly become a huge asset to Richard Lander School.

This term we have seen a 4-6 away victory over Penryn with a whole-hearted performance from the backs and the forwards. The boys showed respect, ambition and perseverance throughout the contest. The win was well-deserved.

This was complemented by a comprehensive 10 tries to 2 win away at Falmouth. A fantastic result.

Well played boys!





Girls Football Update—Year 7 and U16

Our Year 7 Girls Football A Team, after a 4-3 win against a very strong Penryn College team, played Wadebridge School. In this second round of the ESFA National Cup fixture, Richard Lander beat Wadebridge 5-0 with goals from Ella, Issy, Daisy (2) and Ava. The team are now through to the 3rd round of the National Cup, and look forward to playing either Camborne or Penryn

In the latest chapter the of **Year 7 Girls Football** (above) season, the RLS Lionesses played the mighty Penryn College again near the end of term. You may remember, in an end to end match earlier this term, they pipped Penryn to the post with a 4-3 win...

In biblical conditions Team RLS parted the Penryn defence on three occasions with Lottie scoring on the first with a stunning side footed goal. Izzy scored next with an example of clinical excellence and Ava's final goal was a sublime back heel from a corner! Our defence were resolute throughout the match and it was clear, once we had taken the lead, that they were going to hold on to it!

Izzy C was chosen as Player of the Match. The U12s now wait to see who they will play in 4th round of the ESFA Cup!

Our **Under 16 Girl's Football** team played Mount Kelly College in the 3rd round of the ESFA National Cup. It is a fantastic achievement to get this far in the cup.

Mount Kelly provided us with a video of the match, which we have published on school Insta, where you see Lander taking an early lead, with an epic goal from Daisy following a perfectly timed goal kick from Tegan. This was followed by a fiercely contested first half with opportunities at both ends of the pitch. Unfortunately Mount Kelly College were a formidable opposition and scored twice just before half time.

In the second half, Lander pursued the equaliser with determination, but Mount Kelly managed to score again and the final score was 7-1 to MK.

All in all it was a fantastic team effort, with great spirit and some moments of true football magic from our girls who represented the school so well. Well done to you all, with a special shout out to Tegan who was named woman of the match by MK.

Thank you to Mr Parker for all your work in running the girls' football teams.





STAR STUDENTS: Sporting Success

Jayce and Seb in Year 7 were both successful in the recent county football trials, and have been selected to represent West Cornwall Schools this season.

They got their season off to a strong start with a fixture against Plymouth Argyle Academy earlier this week at Cornwall College Camborne.

Seb was further honoured to be handed the captaincy of the side, leading the team to a very respectable showing in an exciting game against some of the best footballers in Devon & Cornwall.

Jayce who played in midfield showed great energy and skills during the match, being unlucky not to score from several excellent strikes. Seb, who played most of the game in goal, impressed with his distribution and a number of fine saves - including one from a Plymouth Argyle penalty - before coming out to play in midfield for the final 20 minutes.

The boys now have another game to look forward to next week as their district season gets underway.

Congratulations to you both on selection, on representing West Cornwall and on your excellent performances!

Huge congratulations to gymnast, **Amber**, who, along with her South West team mates, is now a Silver Level British Team Champion

Amber had an incredible competition, this weekend, and placed 3rd overall out of 77 of Britain's top Silver gymnasts!!!

Well done Amber!



Well done to **Milly and Jennifer**, who did brilliantly at Bicton in the NSEA Eventers Challenge this weekend. Jennifer got a double clear on Alfie in both the 70 and 80cm, coming 8th in the 70cm and gaining 2nd place in the 80cm. This meant

she qualified for Hickstead National Championships in May.

Milly did the 100cm on Romeo and WON her class!

Also gaining her qualification for Hickstead!

Congratulations to you both!!

Further congratulations to Year 8 students Ava and Dylan who won the 1500m and 800m Cornwall County Swimming Events!

After 4 weeks of seemingly non-stop swimming through January and February they both went on to become the 14 year old, all round, age group champions!

This is an amazing achievement! Well done to you both!!





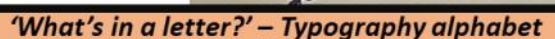
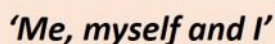
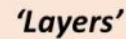
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Every week the Art department choose an Artist of the Week. Their work is shared on the digital signage around school, here in the bulletin and on school social media. Thank you to these students for brightening this half term with their marvellous work.

Well done to 'Artist of the Week' Abi for her fantastic art informed by buildings and layers. She has used a rich range of media and techniques to create depth and detail in her work capturing the sense of an urban landscape with conviction.

Well done to Thommy in y9 for her Identity portrait expressing key ideas about herself informed by graffiti artists. Lovely technical skills and composition of ideas portrayed. What an interesting character and personality she is!

What a fantastic array of typographical letters created by Indi in Y9 who showed creativity and imagination in exploring font styles for her art work. Reading could never be boring if all letters and words were as exciting as these!





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Creative Arts - Artist of the Week

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Richard Lander School
'Artist of the Week' - Aurora C Year 9



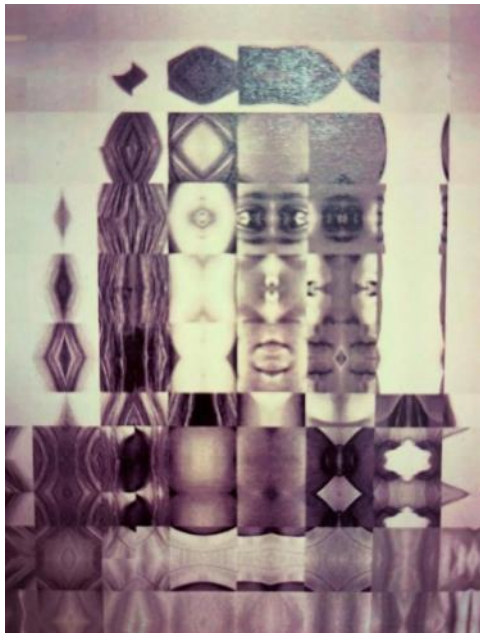
'Subway Graffiti'

Above W/C 17th November 2025 - Aurora C—Year

Well done to Aurora for her graffiti work created to decorate subway trains. She has clearly been inspired by the stylistic art in urban environments. This would certainly brighten up transport and travelling if graffiti was legal!



Follow @RichardLanderSchoolArt on Instagram



Here is some of the beautiful student work featured by @richardlanderschoolart this term. Follow this account for beautiful student art which will Left and centre: Interesting Year 10 GCSE Photography edits!

Right: Neve's brilliant box!



Congratulations to every single student who earned merits this half term — your hard work, positive choices and commitment to your studies will pay off, well done!

Remember — every merit you earn contributes to Tree planting in Uganda through our annual donation, delivered by the Lander4Uganda team. Student also receive reward certificates, bronze, silver, gold, platinum... and entries into prize lotteries each term!

Keep working hard, stay focused, and continue showing the best version of yourselves. All those merits really do add up!

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
 Week Ending 01/12/2025

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who lead the merits table with the highest average merits per student last week!

GODREVY - GLWy - 17.07
PENTIRE - PAYo - 16.70
RAME - RTWw - 19.18
TOWAN - TTWi - 19.92
YEAR 10 - 10TTCo - 18.04
YEAR 11 - 11PMWe - 14.56

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Students
 Week Ending 01/12/2025

Last week, our top 2 performing students in each community were..

Lilah W (GJHk) Sophia B (GHSt)
Hetty S (RANr) Thomas W (PCHi)
William B (PSSq) Cris S (RTOc)
Ethel H (TTWi)
Telia G (TJWe)
Wen Ya Z (10RLSh)
Kupakwashe (10RLSh)
Emily B (10PJAm)
Eve T (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Learning
 Community – Week Ending 01/12/2025

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

TOWAN

..with an average merits per student of...

19.92!!

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
 Week Ending 05/12/2025

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who lead the merits table with the highest average merits per student last week!

GODREVY - GJHk - 16.52
PENTIRE - PHHu- 17.00
RAME - RANr - 16.54
TOWAN - TPCo - 18.08
YEAR 10 - 10TSNi - 16.52
YEAR 11 - 11PMWe - 14.24

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Students
 Week Ending 05/12/2025

Last week, our top 2 performing students in each community were..

Leah M (GLWi) George S (GLWy)
Tere A (RANr) Thomas W (PCHi)
Sid B (PAYo) Alice C (RTOc)
Aurora M (TPCo)
Noah W (TPCr)
Wen Ya Z (10RLSh)
Louis S (10RLSh)
Cameron M (11REHy)
Maria B (11PBCh)

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Learning
 Community – Week Ending 05/12/2025

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

TOWAN

..with an average merits per student of...

18.08!!

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
 Week Ending 12/12/2025

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who lead the merits table with the highest average merits per student last week!

GODREVY - GLWy - 11.04
PENTIRE - PSSq- 9.72
RAME - RRUr - 13.88
TOWAN - TPCr - 15.42
YEAR 10 - 10TTCo - 12.58
YEAR 11 - 11TSBI - 23.09

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Students
 Week Ending 12/12/2025

Last week, our top 2 performing students in each community were..

Emily L-L (GCSt) Anna C (GEWi)
Tere A (RANr) Thomas W (PCHi)
William B (PSSq) Jemima B (RRUr)
Sophie W (TAWa)
William P (TPCr)
Davis S (10RLSh)
Louis S (10RLSh)
Xanthe S (11PJAm)
Erin F (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
 Merits: Top Performing Learning
 Community – Week Ending 12/12/2025

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

Year 11

..with an average merits per student of...

23.03!!



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

17th December 2025

Attendance Update: How long should my child be off school?

How long should my child be off school?



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High (38+) Temperature Return when temperature has returned to normal	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school should be informed	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school should be informed	Cough, Cold Sore Throat No need to stay off school	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Diarrhoea or Vomiting If a single incident, next day if recovered.	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school should be informed
	Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Head Lice No need to stay off but school should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school should be informed	Sickness Bug 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting	

SEND Update: Access4ALL Card

A new discount card scheme has been launched to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. Called Access4ALL, it has been developed by the council-run Family Information Service (FIS) to offer exclusive discounts at Cornish venues. Anyone can apply for an Access4ALL card if your child or young person:

Is aged 0–25, lives in Cornwall, and has a special educational need or disability.

There are many businesses on-board already including Big Green Adventures, Bex Chamberlain Photography, Cornwall Football Golf, Cornish Seal Sanctuary, Cornwall Museum & Art Gallery, Flapjackery, Fitness4u, Frazers Fish and Chips, Harbour Lights Fish and Chips, National Maritime Museum Cornwall, PK Porthcurno, Raze the Roof, Rows Cornish Bakers, Screech Owl Sanctuary, Sweet P Confectionary

Please follow the link below to find out more and to apply for the discount card: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/together-for-families/new-discount-card-launched-to-help-families-of-children-and-young-people-with-send/>





RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL

second-hand uniform shop



	OUR PRICE	RETAIL
HOODIE	£10	£30.44
POLO SHIRT	£5	£9.73 - £11.68
SKIRT	£5	£16.22 - £22.06
TROUSERS (BOYS)	£5	£15.14 - £20.77
TROUSERS (GIRLS)	£5	£15.14 - £20.76
SHORTS (UNISEX)	£5	£18.39 - £22.71

Prices are discretionary depending on condition.

All proceeds to Lander4Uganda.

All queries to

uniform@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk





**year 11 graphic
design students present:**

in the news exhibition.

Richard Lander School
Main Hall
Wednesday 17th December
5-7pm

Our talented Graphic Design students have been exploring issues 'in the news'. From the effects of the cost of living crisis, to the mental health epidemic, to BLM, to Roe Vs. Wade. They have created some moving graphics communicating these topics in very powerful ways! All welcome.



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

17th December 2025

Richard Lander School

HOLIDAY SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

The safeguarding team are timetabled to be available over this break for any urgent school-related issues (safeguarding@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk). This email will be monitored daily, but responses may not be immediate.



For any out-of-school safeguarding concerns or where emergency social care support is required, please contact MARU (0300 1231116) which is a multi-disciplinary team set up to safeguard children or Devon & Cornwall Police on 999 or 101.

- ☒ **MARU** (0300 1231116)
An emergency multi-agency safeguarding team responding to concerns about the welfare or safety of a child. Telephone: 0300 1231116. Out of hours: 01208 251300 (Social Services)
- ☒ **ChildLine** (0800 1111)
Free, private, and confidential service for children and young people up to age 19. Website: www.childline.org.uk
- ☒ **NSPCC** (Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000)
Report abuse. Contact our helpline if you're worried about a child and speak to our counsellors. Don't wait until you are certain. Free helpline service: 0808 800 5000
- ☒ **Talk to FRANK: Honest Drug Information** (0300 123 6600)
Call FRANK 24h a day, 7 days a week. Service for people with hearing impairment: Textphone FRANK on 0300 123 1099. If you call when your friends are around we might ask you to call back.
- ☒ **Kooth Counselling: Free counselling (11-19)** www.kooth.com
Free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support for young people and parents/carers in Cornwall.
- ☒ **Brook:** Offers a wide range of services around sexual health (0300 3030714)
Available to anyone living in Cornwall. Friendly staff can support you with whatever you need, to listen and answer questions.
- ☒ **Mental Health Connect (24/7 Mental Health Helpline)**
Call free on 0800 038 5300
www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/mental-health-crisis-cornwall
- ☒ **SilverCloud:** <https://cornwallcyp.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>
An online cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) programme which allows you to complete therapy in your own time.
- ☒ **We Are With You** (www.wearewithyou.org.uk)
Free, confidential support for people facing challenges with drugs, alcohol, or mental health.

Remember: If a child or young person is in immediate danger, always call 999



J.K. ROWLING'S
Harry Potter
AND THE
CURSED CHILD

PARTS ONE AND TWO
PLAYSCRIPT

Subtitle

**Audition Deadline
This Friday!**

BASED ON AN ORIGINAL STORY BY
J.K. ROWLING
JOHN TIFFANY & JACK THORNE
A PLAY BY JACK THORNE



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

SIX

THE MUSICAL

**NOW AVAILABLE
ON YOUTUBE!**



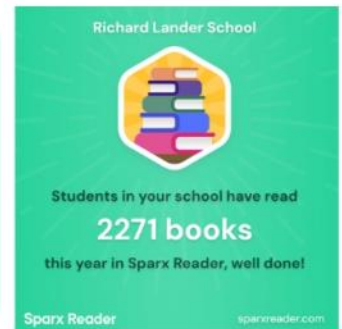
SIX THE MUSICAL: NOW ON YOUTUBE! IT'S HERE, YOUR MAJESTY! AFTER WOWING AUDIENCES BACK IN JUNE, RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL'S SPECTACULAR PRODUCTION OF SIX: THE MUSICAL IS NOW AVAILABLE TO WATCH ON YOUTUBE! WATCH NOW https://youtu.be/wp_D8B7OKS0?si=E_IGk4SEi6MNOYAC



Reading at RLS

This term has been an exciting one for reading across the school, with students embracing a wide range of opportunities designed to spark curiosity, imagination, and a lifelong love of books!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic progress students have made on Sparx Reader this term. Since September, KS3 students have completed an impressive 2,271 whole books, demonstrating growing confidence and enthusiasm as independent readers. Students are exploring a wide range of genres and challenging themselves to read more regularly. Teachers have also noticed increased engagement, with students keen to discuss their books and share recommendations. Well done to all involved—let's keep the momentum going and see how many more books we can finish this year!



A group of lucky students—winners of our Lost on Gibbon Island competition—were treated to an inspiring virtual author visit with acclaimed writer Jess Butterworth. During the workshop, students explored creative writing techniques, asked thoughtful questions, and developed their own imaginative story ideas. The session left them motivated to keep writing and reading adventurously.



Our Year 7 students were thrilled to take part in Book Buzz, a national reading programme that gives every student the chance to choose a free book from a collection of 16 fantastic titles.. This initiative has helped to set a positive tone for reading as they begin their secondary school journey.



Our expanding Maths and Science subject libraries have truly celebrated wider reading this term, inspiring students to explore STEM beyond the classroom. From accessible explanations to biographies and science-inspired fiction, these resources are sparking curiosity and deepening students' passion for learning.



We are proud to announce that Richard Lander School been awarded the Silver OneEducation Reading Award! This recognition celebrates our ongoing commitment to developing a rich and engaging reading curriculum, as well as providing extensive wider reading opportunities for all students. It reflects the hard work of our staff and the enthusiasm of our students in building a strong reading culture.





Cornwall College - National Saturday Club

We're excited to share a fantastic opportunity for your students aged **13–16** who are passionate about film and TV!

Cornwall College is launching a **National Saturday Club in Film & Screen**, running from **17th January to 13th June**, every **Saturday** from **10:30am to 1:00pm** at the **Camborne campus**.

This club is:

- **Completely free**
- Focused on behind-the-scenes skills in film and TV
- Delivered by our expert teaching staff using professional equipment

A great way for young people to learn, create, and connect with others who share their interests

Find out more and sign up here:

<https://saturday-club.org/club/cornwall-college/>

Come and join our new Young Person's Patient Council

Speak up, be heard, make a difference!

- We want to put young adults at the heart of shaping our health services at the Royal Cornwall Hospital.
- We want you to help bring positive change, and influence our decision makers to make the right choices.
- If you want to find out more, come to our launch event! Anyone up to 25 years old can join the Young Person's Patient Council.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Sharing your feedback
- Influencing change at the hospital
- Developing leadership skills
- Being a voice for others
- Making new friends
- Gaining experience that looks great on your CV
- Earning references and recognition
- Building confidence
- Improving communication and public speaking skills
- Having fun whilst making a difference!

Launch Event

Wednesday
12 November 2025
4pm to 6pm, Room F08
Knowledge Spa
Royal Cornwall Hospital
Truro

RSVP
using the
QR code

Food and
refreshments
provided!

If you cannot attend the launch event but would like to be involved, please email rcht.adolescent.team@nhs.net

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HEALTH WEEK



NHS
Royal Cornwall Hospitals
NHS Trust



*Outstanding
Care for One+All*



Junior Cricket Nets

Softball and Hardball
Ages 8-13

Fortnightly from Friday 2nd
January 2026 18:30-20.30
£5 a session

Truro Prep Sports Hall,
Highertown, Truro TR1 3QN

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