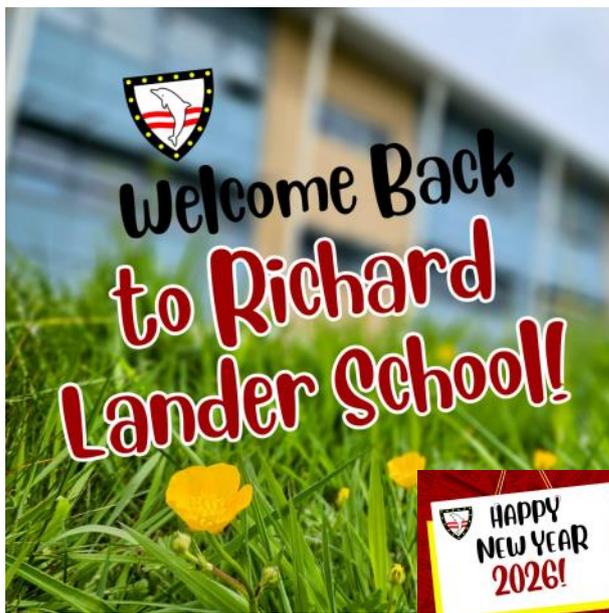




RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

22nd January 2026



Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

Monday 19th - Friday 30th
Year 10 Progress Reviews

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
U16 County Hockey at Penryn College

Saturday 24th
South West Milano Gymnastics Competition

Monday 26th
U15 State Schools Netball Tournament at Paignton Academy

Tuesday 27th
Eco Visit to Suez Recycling
Call Back Auditions for Harry Potter—School Production

Wednesday 28th
Maths Challenge—School Hall
Final Rehearsal for Kernow Rising
ARB Visit to Halbullock Nature Reserve

Thursday 29th
Spotlight Ensemble Drama Group
Hall for Cornwall
Carrick Dance
U14 County Hockey at Truro School
GCSE Music Solo Performance
6pm—Uganda 2026 Parent Meeting
6pm—Thailand 2026 Parent Meeting

Friday 30th/Saturday 31st
Regional Finals - Netball—Bournemouth

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd
Hospitality and Catering Practical Exam

2nd - 9th
National Apprenticeship Week

Tuesday 3rd
Locality Meeting

Wednesday 4th
ARB Visit to RSPCA

Thursday 5th
Year 10 Parents Meeting

Friday 6th
GCSE Music Ensemble Performance

Sunday 8th—Thursday 12th
Geography Trip to Iceland

Tuesday 10th
Take Your Child to Work Day
National Literacy Trust Reading Champions Competition

Thursday 12th
Youth Council Elections

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 23rd February - Friday 6th March
Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February
Year 8 and 9 Paris Trip

Thursday 26th
Year 7-11 Virtual Meet the Tutor

Friday 27th
Year 8 Marine and Sustainability Sign Up

MARCH

Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March
National Careers and Green Careers Week

Wednesday 4th
Oxford University Visit
Year 10 Schools Rugby 7s Competition at Redruth School

Thursday 5th
World Book Day

Friday 6th
Music for Youth—Truro Methodist Church

Tuesday 10th / Wednesday 11th
Marine and Sustainability Day

Wednesday 11th
Year 9 Schools Rugby 7s at CSIA

Thursday 12th
International Lego League Regional Final at RNAS Culdrose

Friday 13th
RLS Science Fair

Sunday 15th
Milano South West Floor and Vault Gymnastics Competition

Monday 16th—Friday 20th
Cornwall Music Festival at Truro Methodist Church

Monday 16th—Friday 20th
Cornwall Music Festival

Tuesday 17th / Wednesday 18th
Year 10 Mock Interviews

Tuesday 17th
GCSE Dance Exam—Real School Nurse Drop In—Alcohol

Wednesday 18th
Year 8 School Rugby 7s Competition at Penair School

Monday 23rd—Sunday 29th
French Exchange—French Visit



Learning Languages Opens Doors

This week, we were delighted to welcome Laura Kirk-Frances from Mingalaba, who visited Richard Lander School to speak to all Year 9 students about her inspiring career journey and the powerful impact of learning a modern foreign language.

Laura shared how languages help you stand out from the crowd, whatever your passion may be – whether that’s football, fashion, beauty, or global travel. Her career has seen her work with major organisations including securing her dream job with Arsenal FC, as well as working for Liverpool FC, and, in Ghana, teaching football. She puts a lot of these opportunities down to being able to speak modern foreign languages.

She also spoke about her work with iconic French brands Dior and L’Oréal, explaining how being interviewed and working in French played a key role in her success.

Laura gave honest and relatable reflections on learning languages, acknowledging that MFL can be hard, but that it builds vital life skills such as problem-solving, resilience, confidence, and adaptability. She reminded students that making mistakes is part of language learning – and part of life – and that learning a second or even third language can truly set you apart in future careers.



In short... Languages make you stand out from the crowd!

A hugely motivating and insightful talk that showed our students just how far languages can take them in advance of them choosing their KS4 options





Primary Girls Football Tournament

On Friday afternoon, Richard Lander School was proud to host a Primary Girls Football Tournament, welcoming teams from 14 local primary schools.

Our RLS Sports Leaders were outstanding throughout the event, doing a phenomenal job of coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping, and organising the tournament from start to finish.

Despite torrential rain, every primary school team remained positive, committed, and cheerful, showing incredible resilience and sportsmanship that truly impressed us all.

We loved seeing such enthusiasm and talent on the pitch and look forward to welcoming some of these future Lander Lionesses to RLS in September.

We're also excited to be hosting more primary sporting events later this year!





Magic: The Gathering Learning Community Tournament

Our school library was buzzing last Friday lunchtime as Round One of the Learning Community Magic: The Gathering tournament got underway!

A table full of enthusiastic competitors faced off, with some students bringing their own carefully crafted decks and others jumping in with school decks. A big thank you to Mr Uren, who expertly adjudicated the matches and kept play running smoothly.



The tournament will run over four weeks, with matches taking place each Friday lunchtime in the library. At the end of the competition, the top three players will earn valuable points for their Learning Community. Good luck to all competitors – we're looking forward to seeing how the leaderboard develops over the coming weeks!



Delivering Your Truro Foodbank Donations

In the first week back after Christmas, we visited Truro Foodbank to drop off the food that students so generously donated on the last day of term — a huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

Truro Foodbank provides emergency food for local people in crisis, offering 3-day supplies and long-term solutions (advice) for poverty in the Truro area. Last year they helped a staggering 2,240 people with emergency food.

The staff at Truro Foodbank are loads of fun and if anyone is looking for a place to volunteer their time we think this would be a great place to do that!

We're really looking forward to returning soon with a small group of students to learn how the foodbank operates and to take part in a work-experience taster, helping with weighing in, sorting, and distributing donations.

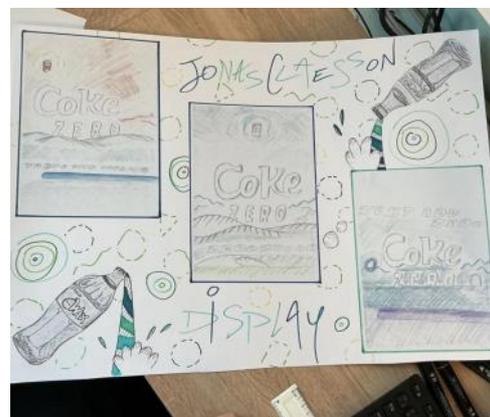
Thank you to @trurofoodbank for all the amazing work that you do!





Design Technology Update

Before the Christmas break, the Graphic Communication Year 10 cohort were exploring the powerful branding of Coca Cola Zero, and adapting it in the style of a designer of their choice. They made fantastic, creative A2 and A1 design boards – using imagery and typography to make eye catching designs! Well done year 10, incredible work by all!



Lego League Update

Our two LEGO League teams are currently preparing for the Lego League final, to be held at RNAS Culdrose, on the 12th March.

They had an action-packed, highly competitive Christmas party with their very own Robot Wars

‘Gramps’ took on ‘Cheese’ in the arena after teams carefully crafted and equipped their robot war machines. Following one practice round, the competition heated up with three full rounds, with teams able to analyse performance and make improvements between battles.

After some fantastic engineering, teamwork and problem-solving, the final score was Cheese 2 – 1 Gramps

A brilliant, high-energy way to celebrate the end of term – well done to everyone involved!

Thank you to our amazing Lego League sponsors for giving our students these fabulous opportunities!





Year 9 Options Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options Fair on Thursday 15th January.

A reminder that the 2nd February is the deadline for Year 9 to complete their Options Form and that teachers and tutors are available to advise you should you need this.



MUSIC CLUBS

There have been a few changes to our music clubs timetable—please see below.

Day	Room & Time	Teacher	Club	Information
Monday	126 1.20pm	Miss Jones	Selected Voices	An auditioned choir for Years 7-11.
Monday	Practice Rooms 3pm	Miss Jones	Rock Band Club	All rockers are welcome to come and form a band, or practice with one they have already set up! This is a club to enhance pre-existing instrumental and vocal skills
Wednesday	127 1.30pm	Mrs Munns	Y7 Club Choir	Year 7 choir is strictly for year 7s to help them settle into the RLS way of life.
Wednesday	126 1.20pm	Miss Jones	Orchestra	All instrumentalists welcome. Students from years 7 to 11 are welcome to join. Participation required for Harry Potter – The Musical and the Cornwall Music Festival.
Thursday	127 1.20pm	Miss Jones	Cornwall Music Festival Rehearsal	Students signed up for a solo, duet, rock band or composition rehearse and perform.
Thursday	126 1.30pm	Mrs Munns	Soul Band	An auditioned instrumental and vocal ensemble for Years 7-11.
Friday	Main Hall 1.30pm	Miss Jones	Whole School Choir	An open choir for Years 7-11.



Richard Lander School

Thank you!

We would like to thank all our families for the amazing swift response and support during Storm Goretta.

Despite the very short notice, and inevitable traffic jams, students were collected and safely at home before the storm broke, which meant that staff also had time to batten down the hatches and prepare. *Thank you!*



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Congratulations to every single student who earned merits in the last week of term and so far in 2026 — 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 19/12/2025

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

GODREVY - GLWy - 12.26
PENTIRE - PSSq- 11.96
RAME - RRUr - 12.35
TOWAN - TPCr - 12.26
YEAR 10 - 10TTCo - 11.62
YEAR 11 - 11TSBI - 12.30

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 09/01/2026

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

GODREVY - GLWy - 24.44
PENTIRE - PVDo - 22.54
RAME - RRUr - 22.88
TOWAN - TAWa - 23.38
YEAR 10 - 10TTCo - 20.85
YEAR 11 - 11TSBI - 23.87

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 16/01/2026

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

GODREVY - GAMr - 20.52
PENTIRE - PVDo - 21.23
RAME - RRUr - 21.48
TOWAN - TPCo - 21.92
YEAR 10 - 10TTCo - 21.04
YEAR 11 - 11TASj - 22.30

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 19/12/2025

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

Elowyn A-C (GSMr)
Tere A (RANr)
William B (PSSq)
Davis S (10RLSh)
Maria B (11PBCh)

Aneesah (GSMr)
Alexa N (PCHi)
Oli W (RTWw)
Harrison A(TACo)
Oliver D (TCAb)
Saresia H (10GRWi)
Eve T (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 09/01/2026

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

Elowyn A-C (GSMr)
Wren L (PRJe)
Oli W (RTWw)
Davis S (10RLSh)
William E-L (11TSBI)

Erica G (GEWi)
Jago L (PRSe)
Henry C (RFHa)
Sophie W (TAWa)
Seb B (TACo)
Thomas E (10TSNi)
Wes S-W (11TSBI)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 16/01/2026

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

George S (GLWy)
Tyler P (PVDo)
Sienna L (RRRo)
Davis S (10RLSh)
Cameron M (11REHy)

Imogen S (GJHk)
Juwin J (PSSq)
Oliver W (RTOc)
Howard LP (TTWi)
Maisie A (TACo)
Seth L (10RLSh)
Joseph S (11PJAm)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 19/12/2025

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

Towan

11.10!!

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

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 09/01/2026

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

Towan

20.65!!

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

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 16/01/2026

Last week, our top performing Learning Community was..

Towan

19.75!!

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



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

U14 5TH ROUND CUP FIXTURE - IVYBRIDGE AWAY

On Wednesday 14th January our U14 Boys Football team made the trip to Ivybridge Community College for the 5th round of the National Cup Football competition.

It was a great effort to reach this stage of the competition with excellent victories against Penrice, Penryn and Redruth. This meant a trip to the Devon champions but sadly this proved a step too far.

The first 20 minutes were a cagey affair with RLS often having the better of the early exchanges and creating a few half chances. Both teams scored in quick succession but this was as good as it got for our team. Ivybridge's superior physicality and fitness showed, with them running out comfortable winners in the end.

This shouldn't take away from the team's efforts and they did have moments where they threw everything at their opponents and this was by no means a walkover.

I would like to congratulate the whole squad who have worked so hard to give us such an enjoyable cup run. I also commend the boys for their outstanding behaviour and attitude, they were a credit to themselves and Richard Lander School.

These results have given us great optimism as we go into our Football season and the County Cup games.

Thanks also to Mr Andrew who has helped officiate and coach this team.

Mr Stoddard—Head of PE



LANDER LIONESSES YEAR 7 AND KS4 REPORT

On Wednesday 14th January our Year 7 Lander Lionesses travelled to Gordano School for their out-of-county cup fixture, continuing what has been an unbeaten secondary school football journey in Cornwall so far.



The girls played superbly, showing excellent passing, teamwork and determination in what felt like a very closely matched contest. After conceding an unfortunate goal in the first half, there was still everything to play for and the team worked relentlessly right up to the final whistle.

While the final score of 3–0 didn't reflect the quality of the performance, every player should be extremely proud. Everyone got game time, everyone performed well, and the attitude and effort on display were outstanding.

Special mentions go to: Captain Daisy, who was deservedly chosen as Gordano's Player of the Match, Suzy and Ava, whose tireless work rate and commitment caught Coach Parker's eye. Emily, who stepped up to play out of position in goal, making several crucial saves and delivering excellent goal kicks.

A fantastic performance from a talented and hardworking team – the future is very bright for the Lander Lionesses!

Last week, our amazing KS4 team played their final game for Richard Lander School this season, bringing to a close a great year of incredible football. This out-of-county cup match against Mount Kelly followed a successful run through the Cornwall rounds and, despite inclement weather meaning the game was played on a 3G pitch, the girls showed real determination and teamwork throughout.

They worked tirelessly and never gave up, but against very strong opposition who capitalised on their chances, it wasn't to be a Lander win this time.

These young women are a huge asset to our school. Thank you for representing our school so well!





PE and School Sport


Key Stage 3
Key Stage 4

Lunchtime Clubs – Spring Term 2026

	Key Stage	Timings	Lunch arrangements	Activity/Facility	Changing & Meet	Staff Member
Monday	3	1.15-1.57	Students should have lunch at 1pm	Boys Hockey/Astro.	Meet in the changing rooms.	NST
				Basketball/Sports hall Year 8 only	No changing, meet in the sports hall.	HAN
				Girls Games Wk A – Year 7 Only Wk B – Year 8&9 Only	No changing, meet in the Gymnasium	LCK/NTO
				HRF – Group 3 Girls only	No changing, meet in the HRF room	EHU
Tuesday	4	1.03 – 1.45	Students should have lunch at 1.45	Volleyball/Sports hall Year 10 only	No changing, meet in the sports hall.	RPR
				Mixed Hockey/Astro.	No changing, meet at the sports hall cupboard.	NST
				HRF – Group 3 Boys & Girls only	No changing, meet in the HRF room	HAN
Wednesday	3	1.15-1.57	Students should have lunch at 1pm	Basketball/Sports hall Year 7 only	No changing, meet in the sports hall.	JWI
				HRF – Group 3 only	No changing, meet in the HRF room	LST
Thursday	3	1.15-1.57	Students should have lunch at 1pm	Girls Football/Astro.	No changing, meet at the astro.	RPR
				Girls Active – Group 2 & 3 Girls only	No changing, meet in the Gym	LCK
				Basketball/Sports hall Year 9 only	No changing, meet in the sports hall.	NTO
Friday	4	1.03 – 1.45	Students should have lunch at 1.45	Indoor Games/Sports hall Year 11 only	No changing, meet in the sports hall.	JWI
				Dodgeball/Gym Year 10 only	No changing, meet in the Gym	NST
				Girls Football/Astro.	No changing, meet at the astro.	RPR/EHU

Clubs are open to both boys and girls unless otherwise stated. Students must be on the register for the club should they wish to attend.

PE and School Sport


Key Stage 3
Key Stage 4
Key Stage 3&4

After-school Clubs – Spring Term 2026

	Year group	Timings	Activity	Facility	Staff Member
Monday	Years 8 - 11	3.15 – 4.15	Performance Netball	Sports hall	LST
	Years 7, 8 & 9	3.15 – 4.15	Girls Football	Astro./Fields	RPR, HAN, THA
Tuesday	Years 7, 8, 9 and 10	3.15 – 4.15	Football	Fields	RPR, JWI, NST, JBR, HNA
	Year 8 & 9	3.15 – 4.15	Hockey	Astro.	NTO/EHU
Wednesday	Years 7-11 (Competition only)	3.15 – 4.15	Gymnastics	Gymnasium	EHU
	Year 7	3.15 – 4.15	Hockey	Astro.	LCK/LST
Thursday	Years 7-11	3.15 – 6 (Depending on venue and travel)	Football & Hockey Fixtures	Schools Fields/Courts	All PE staff
Friday	Years 7-9 (Invite only)	3.15 – 4.15	Performance Netball	Sports hall/courts	NTO
	Years 7-11 (Competition only)	3.15 – 4.15	Gymnastics	Gymnasium	EHU

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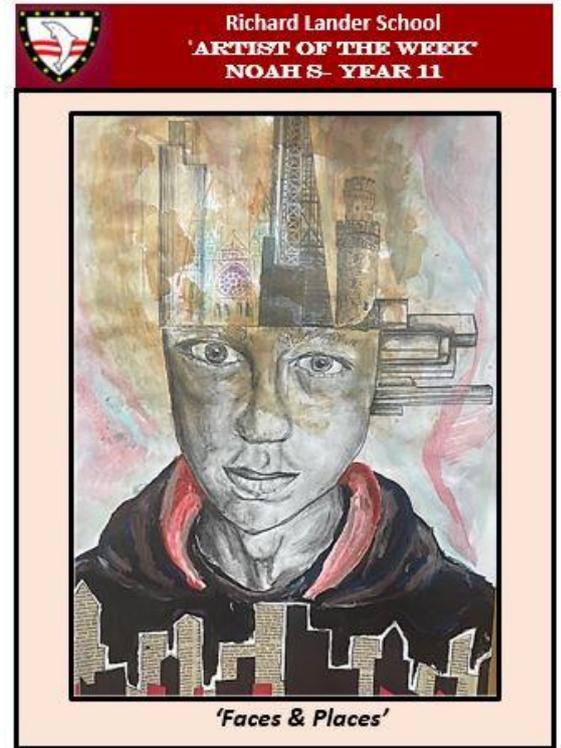
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Creative Arts - Artist of the Week

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 for brightening our day with your marvellous work.

W/E 16th January 2026 - Noah—Year 11

Well done to Noah in Y11 for his creative composition in response to the theme of Layers titled 'Faces and Places'. A surreal layout indeed.



@RichardLanderSchoolArt

Well done to all the students chosen by richardlanderschoolart so far in 2026.

Below is some of the lovely work which students produced in the Kurt Jackson workshop, along with Loula and Pip's great Andy Hughes inspired photos





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22nd January 2026

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, Rowes 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/>





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