



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

13th March 2026

Dates for your Diary

MARCH

Friday 13th

RLS Science Fair

U13 County Netball Tournament at Redruth School

Sunday 15th

Milano South West Floor and Vault Gymnastics Competition

Monday 16th—Friday 20th

Cornwall Music Festival at Truro Methodist Church

Monday 16th

PI Day

Tuesday 17th / Wednesday 18th

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Tuesday 17th

GCSE Dance Final Exam

School Nurse Drop In—Alcohol

Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th

GCSE Drama Component 3 Exam

Wednesday 18th

Year 8 School Rugby 7s Competition at Penair School

Monday 23rd—Sunday 29th

French Exchange—French Visit

Monday 23rd—Thursday 2nd April

Year 7 Progress Reviews

Monday 23rd

Yellow Fever Vaccinations—Uganda

Tuesday 24th

Immunisations—Year 9—Meningitis

Year 11 Whole Year Photo

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Wednesday 25th

Year 7 School Rugby 7s Competition at Pool School

Thursday 26th

Romeo and Juliet Workshop

Friday 27th

INSET Day - No Students in School

Monday 30th

ARB Visit to the Eden Project

Rewards trip to Truro Plaza

Tuesday 31st

Year 10 A Level Maths Taster Day

Locality Meeting

APRIL

Wednesday 1st

ARB Easter Coffee Morning

Thursday 2nd

Year 11 Mocks Results Day

Last Day of Term

Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April

EASTER BREAK

Monday 20th April

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 20th—Friday 24th

Year 11 Graphics/Textiles/Art Final Exams

Thursday 23rd

Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 24th

Women in Leadership

Friday 24th—Sunday 26th

Year 10 DofE Silver Practice - Pendeen

Monday 27th—Friday 8th May

Year 8 Progress Reviews

Monday 27th—Friday 1st May

Year 11 Photography Final Exams

Tuesday 28th

School Nurse Drop In—Exam Stress, Emotional Wellbeing and Sleep.

Thursday 30th - Friday 1st May

ARB Residential Trip to the Roseland

MAY

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th - Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st - Friday 26th June

Year 11 Summer Exams

Tuesday 5th —Friday 8th

Year 10 Mocks - Core Subjects in Exam Venues

Tuesday 11th —Friday 22nd

Year 10 Mocks - Options in Lessons

Tuesday 12th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Locality Meeting

Thursday 14th

Year 8 Parents Evening

Monday 25th—Friday 29th May

Half Term Break

JUNE

Tuesday 5th - Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st - Friday 26th June

Year 11 Summer Exams

Monday 1st—Friday 19th June

KS3 Exams

Thursday 4th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Friday 5th

Royal Cornwall Show—Year 9

Friday 5th—Sunday 7th

Silver DofE Assessment

Tuesday 9th

Art Workshop at Penlee Gallery

19th/22nd/29th

Geography—Human Fieldwork—Year 10—Falmouth

Tuesday 23rd

Sports Day

Locality Meeting

Wednesday 24th

Reserve Sports Day 1

Thursday 25th

The Story of Richard Lander/Revival

Showcase at Hall for Cornwall

Day—Tech/Dress Rehearsal

7pm - Performance

Friday 26th

Reserve Sports Day 2

Monday 29th

Immunisation Day

Tuesday 30th

Year 10 Truro College Taster Day

School Nurse Drop In—Healthy

Lifestyle, Dental Hygiene, Hygiene, Sun and Water Safety

Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 Induction Days

JULY

Wednesday 1st

Wimbledon Visit

Sports Presentation Evening

Thursday 2nd

Year 10 Cornwall College Taster Day

Year 6 Parent Information Evening

Friday 3rd July—4th August

Thailand Trip

Friday 3rd

Year 11 Leavers Day

Year 11 Prom

Sunday 5th July—Monday 3rd August

Lander4Uganda 2026 Visit

6th/8th/9th/10th

Geography—Human Fieldwork—Year 9—Falmouth

Tuesday 7th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Year 10 Health & Safety for Work Exp.

Monday 13th - Friday 17th

Activities Week

Monday 20th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Wednesday 22nd

Last Day of Summer Term



Iceland 2026 – An Unforgettable Year 10 Adventure

A group of our Year 10 students recently returned from an incredible geography trip to Iceland, experiencing some of the country's most dramatic landscapes and natural wonders. With a packed itinerary exploring southern Iceland, the trip provided students with the opportunity to see first-hand many of the geographical features they study in the classroom.

Day 1 began with an exploration of the striking volcanic landscape of the Bridge Between Continents, where students stood between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. The group then visited the steaming geothermal area of Gunnhver, where bubbling mud pools and clouds of steam showcased the power of Iceland's geothermal activity. After a busy first day, students relaxed with an evening swim at Laugardalslaug, one of the city's famous outdoor geothermal pools.

On Day 2, the group travelled along the south coast to see the spectacular Skógafoss, one of Iceland's most iconic waterfalls. Students were amazed as thousands of litres of glacial meltwater thundered down the cliff face every second, often creating beautiful rainbows in the mist.

Day 3 took students along the famous Golden Circle. Here they explored the geothermal area of Geysir, where the Strokkur geyser regularly erupts high into the air. The group also visited the powerful waterfall Gullfoss, before finishing the day at Þingvellir National Park, a site of both geological and historical importance where tectonic plates slowly drift apart. One of the most magical moments of the trip came when two





students, Eli and Ben, were lucky enough to witness the breathtaking Aurora Borealis, as the Northern Lights danced across the night sky — truly a memory to last a lifetime.

On the final day, students spent time exploring the colourful streets of Reykjavík, picking up souvenirs and soaking up the atmosphere of the world’s northernmost capital city. The group also visited the fascinating Perlan Museum, where interactive exhibits helped deepen their understanding of Iceland’s glaciers, volcanoes and natural environments.

After an unforgettable few days discovering waterfalls, geysers, volcanoes and glaciers, our students returned home with fantastic memories and a deeper appreciation of one of the world’s most unique landscapes. The trip was an outstanding experience for everyone involved and a wonderful opportunity to bring geography learning to life.





Paris 2026 – A Remarkable Cultural Adventure

A group of our students recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Paris, packed with cultural experiences, famous landmarks, language practice and plenty of memorable moments. From historic sites to world-famous attractions, the visit was an exciting opportunity for students to experience French culture first-hand.

The group arrived at PGL Paris where they settled in, enjoyed dinner and took part in an evening activity before getting some rest ahead of a busy few days. The trip also began with a celebration as the group wished Noah a very happy birthday!

An early start the following morning saw students up at 6:30am and on the coach shortly after breakfast. Their first stop was the impressive Stade de France, the national stadium of France and host to many major sporting events. From there, the group travelled into the heart of the city to visit the iconic Eiffel Tower, one of the world's most recognisable landmarks.

Although high water levels on the River Seine meant the planned river cruise could not go ahead, the group made the most of their time by visiting the stunning Sacré-Cœur in Montmartre, where students enjoyed spectacular views across the city from one of Paris's highest points. The busy day ended with students trying their hand at making traditional Crêpes, a delicious French treat and a firm favourite with everyone.





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Another day of the trip focused on practising French language skills in real-life situations. Students visited an outdoor market in Melun, where they confidently used their French to ask about products and make purchases.

The group then travelled to the historic Château de Fontainebleau, home to the famous École spéciale militaire de Fontainebleau, where Napoleon Bonaparte once addressed his officers before setting out on his campaigns. Students also visited a large hypermarket to pick up souvenirs and, of course, plenty of sweets!

One of the highlights of the trip was an exciting visit to Disneyland Paris, where students enjoyed the rides, attractions and sunshine during a brilliant day in the park. There were plenty of smiles, lots of laughter and many tired feet by the end of the day.

On the final evening, students gathered around a fire pit to toast marshmallows and reflect on the experiences they had shared throughout the trip. For dinner, the adventurous had the chance to try Escargot, and many students were pleasantly surprised to discover they actually liked it!

Staff were incredibly proud of the way all students conducted themselves throughout the trip, helping to make the experience enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved. With wonderful weather, fascinating places to explore and countless shared experiences, the Paris 2026 trip is sure to remain a highlight of the year for all who took part.





Take Your Child to Work

We have loved hearing all about our students' experiences during 'Take Your Child To Work' day!

Over 230 students had the opportunity to visit workplaces alongside their parents, carers, family members, or close family friends. Throughout the day, they explored a wide range of career opportunities while gaining valuable insight into how different businesses and organisations operate.

Each student was provided with a booklet to complete during their visit, encouraging them to reflect on their experiences and the information they gathered. To celebrate their efforts, prizes were awarded to one student from each community who successfully completed their booklet.

Spending time in the workplace gives students a meaningful insight into the world of work. They are collectively able to discover the variety of jobs available, understand the qualifications and skills required, and learn first-hand how employees progressed and succeeded in securing their roles.

Well done to all of our students on working hard, engaging with new challenges and tasks, representing yourselves and our school with professionalism, enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Thank you so much to all the employers who facilitated these opportunities!





Textiles Students Sample Higher Education at Falmouth University



Year 9 students who have chosen Textiles Art as their KS4 option enjoyed a fantastic first day back after half term with an inspiring visit to Falmouth University.

Sarah and Beth, staff and first year Textiles student from Falmouth University, led a brilliant day, starting with an engaging talk on higher education, followed by a crash course in hand embroidery. Students then took part in a creative workshop, producing beautiful sea-themed textile pieces—such impressive work in very limited time, and we can't wait to see the finished pieces. The experience also included a complimentary lunch in the university canteen and a tour of the incredible facilities, including AMATA music studios and the Fashion Design/Textiles studios.

A thoroughly inspiring day... can we come back next week please?!





World Book Day 2026 - Bringing Literature to Life!

An amazing effort from our fabulous Year 7, Year 9 Student Leaders and Staff for our World Book Day celebrations last Thursday!

Year 7 students arrived in fantastic fancy dress, bringing their favourite stories to life with homemade costumes, group outfits and plenty of books in hand. The effort and creativity on display were incredible.

They also worked brilliantly in their student-led lessons, showing enthusiasm, cooperation and a real love of learning throughout the day. It was a fun, lively and memorable celebration of reading.

Our fantastic Year 9 students stepped into staff roles, teaching literature, drama and creative writing lessons. It was an action-packed (and slightly exhausting!) experience as they delivered six back-to-back lessons to Year 7.

Meanwhile our media leaders were just as busy—taking photos and videos throughout the day, creating a video montage, judging the fancy dress competition, and producing certificates for 30 winners just in time for 1:30pm, when they presented a special assembly to the whole of Year 7.

A huge well done to all these wonderful students who did an awesome job and showed brilliant leadership, creativity and organisation throughout the day. We're very proud of you!

A big thank you as well to the staff who dressed up this year – our best turnout ever!

Thank you to the amazing Mrs Madeley who ensured there was order throughout!

Now a question... can you guess which work of literature each department chose?





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Oxford University Visit

A group of year 10's had an inspiring visit to Oxford University this week, taking part in a critical thinking workshop and learning about student life from two medical ambassadors. The day included a tour of Exeter College, a fascinating session at the History of Science Museum where students learnt how to use an astrolabe, and was perfectly rounded off with a stroll along Oxford's cobbled streets for a well-earned ice cream





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - IWD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We had a fantastic day out on Friday at the International Women's Day football tournament hosted by Penryn College. Richard Lander School took both our U13 and U15 teams, and despite it being a friendly tournament, the U13 winners would also qualify for the Cornwall School Games – giving the competition an extra edge!

It was a bright, crisp day and the atmosphere was brilliant throughout. The girls played some excellent football, showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, enjoyed some football-themed inflatables during the breaks and there was even a football shaped cloud in the sky! A great bunch of girls, full of enthusiasm and positivity all day.

The icing on the cake... both RLS teams finished as winners!

The U13 team enjoyed a goal fest with these players hitting the back of the net: Isla (2), Maisy (6), Ava (10), lola (1) and a special mention to Imogen for a cracking save during the most challenging game vs Camborne.

The U15s also dominated, with these excellent results:
RLS vs Pool – 2–0, with goals from Lily (from a corner kick) and Aurora (top corner finish)

RLS vs Redruth - 1-0, goal from Aurora—a great strike to the bottom corner.

RLS vs Falmouth - 0-0

RLS vs Penryn—3-1

A brilliant day of football and a fantastic way to celebrate International Women's Day. Well done to all the players. Thank you to Penryn for hosting, Mr Parker for organising and Coach Maisie (Year 11) for leading the U13s so well.





Showing Appreciation on International Women’s Day

Mrs Toms has been making lovely things happen again!

Staff could nominate an inspirational woman and arrange for them to receive a token of appreciation. Some were delivered to colleagues in school, some were delivered further afield by the postie, with well over 100 bringing a smile to a woman's face.

Such a great idea for International Women's Day..



Music For Youth Regional Festival

On Friday our students took part in the Music for Youth Regional Festival at Truro Methodist Church.

Music for Youth regional festivals provide a brilliant opportunity for young people to perform live, share their music and listen to other talented performers from across the region, with an option to go on to the National Final in Birmingham. It's always an inspiring event that celebrates the power of youth music-making.

Our Selected Voices choir gave wonderful performances of "You've Got the Love" and "Human" showcasing their hard work, confidence and musicality. Check out school socials for a short clip to provide truly uplifting way to brighten your day.

Our Soul Band wowed the audience with their beautiful, evocative performances of 'Feeling Good' and 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough.'

Well done to all students involved!





Maths Update

Intermediate Maths Challenge

The 2026 Intermediate Maths Challenge took place in January with over 100 of our best mathematicians from Years 9, 10 and 11 sitting the challenging 60 minute paper. It is designed to make students think by encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.

To recognise the highest performers in the competition, the top 50% of participants from across the UK are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1

An amazing 66 of our students got one of these certificates, with 3 Year 9 students and 2 Year 10 students qualifying for the 'next round' in their respective age categories. A massive 'well done' to those Year 9 students: Hector Howes, Tom Burkimsher and Sauryanshu Shrestha who qualified for the Grey Kangaroo and to the Year 10 students: Harry West and Aurora Dunlop who qualified for the Pink Kangaroo. These papers are due to be taken on Thursday 19th March.

A special mention must also go to our other Gold Certificate holders, both from Year 10 – Sam Walsh and Carys Sturgeon; a fantastic achievement!

A massive well done to everyone who took part to stretch their mind and hone their problem solving skills.

I'm sure that the Y9 and Y10 students will already be looking forward to the 2027 Intermediate Maths Challenge!

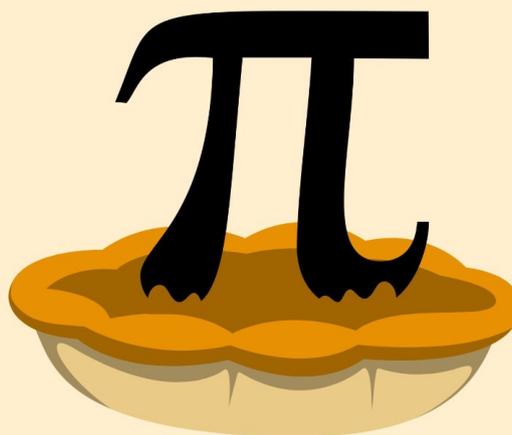
Ms P Cockle—Maths Teacher

Next up.. Pi Day...



**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**

PI DAY



MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Pi Day Digit Challenge - Can you beat the record of 127 digits of Pi! Join us in **room 129 @ lunchtime** and put your memory to the test!

Pi Day Meme Challenge - Create your best Pi-themed meme and bring it to **room 227 in the morning**. Judging will commence in the afternoon!

See Miss Blake if you require more information



Lander4Uganda Fundraising Update



Fundraising efforts for Lander4Uganda are well underway this term as students prepare for their upcoming trip to Uganda in July. The team will be travelling to support important building and maintenance work at the Molly and Paul Schools, helping to improve facilities and resources for the local community.

Over the past few weeks, students have been busy organising a range of creative fundraising activities in school, with fantastic support from both staff and students.

One of the highlights so far has been the Valentine's Rose Sale. Students from the Lander4Uganda team sold roses and packets of Love Hearts for just £1, which were delivered with personalised messages to tutor rooms across the school. The event was a lovely way to spread kindness while raising valuable funds for the project.

The team is also currently selling raffle tickets for an Easter raffle, with some impressive prizes up for grabs, including a giant Toblerone and several large baskets filled with chocolate eggs. Alongside this, the popular Friday doughnut sales continue to raise money each week.

In addition to the whole-school fundraising, many students have taken the initiative to organise their own events.

EASTER RAFFLE

Support Lander4Uganda and win a GIANT Toblerone!

TOBLERONE

Raffle Tickets 50p from Student Reception



LANDER4UGANDA VALENTINE'S ROSES

FOR SALE OUTSIDE STUDENT RECEPTION

£1 LOVE HEARTS

£1 FOR A ROSE OR LOVE HEARTS
£2 FOR BOTH

DELIVERED AT TUTOR TIME WITH A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE!

For your Valentine or Valentine!



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A special mention goes to Connor, who hosted a wonderful coffee morning for friends and family. Working with his granny, he prepared a delicious table of homemade cakes and gave a presentation explaining the purpose of the Lander4Uganda trip and the work the team hopes to carry out this summer. They raised an impressive £350.20! Thank you to everyone who attended!

Another fantastic effort came from Isabelle, Lucy and Ella, who baked a range of delicious sweet treats to sell in school, raising over £125 for the project.

Meanwhile, Thomas has been working with Driftwood Spas to organise a wine tasting evening in May, which promises to be

another exciting fundraising event. Flier below if you would like to attend.



The enthusiasm, creativity and commitment shown by students have been fantastic to see. Every fundraiser brings the team one step closer to supporting the important work taking place at the Molly and Paul Schools this summer.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising so far — your generosity will help to make a real difference to thousands of Ugandan students when the Lander4Uganda team visit in July!

The Driftwood Spars



DRIFTWOODSPARS, ST AGNES



Coastal Influences Wine Tasting

Raising money for Lander For Uganda



FRIDAY
8TH
MAY

6:30PM - 9PM

Experience stunning wines from around the world influenced by our oceans.

Book online now: <https://driftwoodspars.co.uk/events/>



National Literacy Trust Reading Champion Quiz

Well done to students in our National Literacy Trust Reading Champion Quiz team, who competed in this challenging, rapid fire, event. The quiz was tough, but highly enjoyable, and our students' knowledge proved excellent throughout! We came 7th out of 25 teams, which considering the standard of the teams who competed, is something to be very proud of.



Richard Lander School— Proud to Support Children’s Mental Health Week

The theme for Children’s Mental Health Week 2026 was “This is My Place”, highlighting the importance of helping children and young people feel they belong, and supporting the systems around them to create safe, inclusive environments.

Our GCSE Dance students have recently been working in partnership with Rukmini Devi Public School in New Delhi, sharing wellbeing activities and ideas to promote positive mental health in young people. As part of this collaboration, students have learned about yoga and wellbeing practices, shared their passion and love for dance, compared health facilities available to young people in different countries and discussed the impact of ‘screen time’ on young people’s mental health

Our students have recorded their contribution to an upcoming collaborative podcast, where students from both schools will share what they have learned from this partnership. We look forward to sharing this with you soon!



**PENTIRE
RLS STAFF COMMUNITY
CHARITY NETBALL**

Earlier this term, staff also played a Learning Community Charity Netball match in aid of Pentreath, an award winning charity, based in Cornwall, which supports recovery from mental ill health. It was fantastic fun, really well attended, raising spirits along with around £80 from 150 super animated spectators, with Pentire emerging as triumphant winners!





DT Food - From Scratch to Spectacular in Just One Hour!

Mrs Toms' Year 10 classes have created and decorated stunning gateaux in a single lesson — amazing skills and brilliant preparation for the commercial world. They looked fantastic and tasted absolutely delicious!



Valentine's Day Bake Off

Feast your eyes on some of the amazing entries in our Valentine's Bake Off—Thank you to bakers and customers who supported! This was held in aid of Air Ambulance.





Cornwall Youth Council Elections

On Thursday 12th February, representatives from Cornwall Youth Council held a whole school ballot here at Richard Lander School to vote for the next term of elected members for Cornwall Youth Council. CYC are a group of young people who live or go to school in Cornwall and come together to share the views of young people so they can be heard by decision makers

All RLS students had the opportunity to vote for a pledge, and each pledge represented an unknown individual candidate. Thank you to Rachel and the team for organising this for us! Good luck to our RLS candidates.



Last half term, we ran a 5 week learning community competition for Magic: The Gathering players.

This linked with our Fantasy Tabletop Club that runs on a Wednesday after school, with extra participants joining the competition. The tournament ran through January with the final week taking place on Friday 13th of February.

We received really positive responses from all participants, who enjoyed playing against new people and are already asking when we are doing it again! It has been brilliant to see the skills involved from all players, including tactics, communication, good sportsmanship and gamesmanship.

Players played a 'swiss style' tournament, with path to victory making the placements. The winners, who will receive points for their learning communities, are:

- 1st Davis S – Rame - Year 10
- 2nd Lucas P – Rame - year 9
- 3rd Ruben B – Towan - Year 8
- 4th Austin K – Year 7



Congratulations to the following students who have earned points for their learning communities through their performance in our 5 week, Magic The Gathering, tournament.

- 1st Davis S – Year 10**
- 2nd Lucas P – Year 9**
- 3rd Ruben B – Year 8**
- 4th Austin K – Year 7**
- Well done to you all!**



Congratulations to every single student who earned merits in the last month — 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 to win sweets for their tutor groups and electronics or vouchers for themselves.

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 02/02/2026

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

GODREVVY - GJHk - 41.20
PENTIRE - PCHi - 41.35
RAME - RFHa - 44.46
TOWAN - TPCo 44.27
YEAR 10 - 10GRWi - 14.04
YEAR 11 - 11GJDi - 14.83

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 02/02/2026

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

Leah M-C (GIWi) **Sophie B (GHSt)**
Alexa N (PCHi) **Oliver M (PSMn)**
Imogen T (RTWw) **Paige H (RAGe)**
Kerys W (TEBa)
Oliver H (TTWi)
Albert M (10PJHt)
Nicola C (10PJHt)
Arlo B (11GBLe)
Sorcha K (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 02/02/2026

Last week, our top performing Learning Community with the highest merits per student was..

TOWAN
..with an average merits per student of... **41.68!!**

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 13/02/2026

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

GODREVVY - GJHk - 15.04
PENTIRE - PVD0 - 16.19
RAME - RANr - 17.67
TOWAN - TCAb 16.50
YEAR 10 - 10TLDo - 16.79
YEAR 11 - 11PBCh - 14.54

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 13/02/2026

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

Lauren T (GEWi) **Lily K (GIWi)**
William B (PSSq) **Bethany H (PHHu)**
Amelie S (RRUr) **Hasan U (RANr)**
Harrison A (TAcO)
Stan H (TTWi)
Wen Ya (10RLSh)
Saresia H (10GRWi)
Lizzie S (11TASj)
Eve T (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 13/02/2026

Last week, our top performing Learning Community with the highest merits per student was..

RAME
..with an average merits per student of... **15.28**

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 06/03/2026

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

GODREVVY - GLWY - 15.11
PENTIRE - PAYo - 15.59
RAME - RFHa - 15.40
TOWAN - TCAb 16.04
YEAR 10 - 10TTCO - 14.96
YEAR 11 - 11GBLe - 8.00

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 06/03/2026

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

Will B (GAMr) **Marissa B (GLWy)**
Tyler P (PVD0)
Archie R (PRSe) **Amelie K (RFHa)**
Nathan A B (RFHa)
Aurora M (TPCo)
Noah W (TPCr)
Albert M (10PJHt)
Daisy S (10RLHo)
Darby O (11TSBj)
Aiden W (11RHMa)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 06/03/2026

Last week, our top performing Learning Community with the highest merits per student was..

Towan
..with an average merits per student of... **14.40**



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT



Year 9 Hockey students practicing under a beautiful rainbow!

RLS Gymnasts - 2026 BGS&A Milano National Final

Our Gymnasts competed in the 2026 BSGA Milano National finals this weekend at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent. This event features top schools gymnastics teams from all over the country who have qualified through regional events and we are incredibly proud of our students who represented not only Richard Lander School and Cornwall, but the whole of the South West!

3 of our teams qualified for the Nationals - the U13 Girls, U16 Girls and U16 Mixed - a fantastic achievement. Students performed their routines with expertise, skill and discipline. At the end of the event, our U16 Mixed Team had finished 4th, U13 Girls, 14th and U16 Girls, 10th, which considering that they were competing against the other very best gymnasts in the country, is very respectable indeed.

Well done to you all and thank you for representing us all so well! Check out school socials for a fantastic film of the event from videographer, Niamh, .





RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

YEAR 9 BOYS HOCKEY SUCCESS

On a very rare, pleasant spring day our Year 9 Boys travelled to Truro School for the annual County Hockey tournament. The squad was largely inexperienced with only a few members having played any competitive Hockey before. For this reason, it made the performances on the day all the more impressive.



In the 5 games played by the team, there were 2 hard fought draws with Penryn and Truro School, 2 excellent victories against Penair and Bude, with the only loss coming in a tired performance against Mounts Bay Academy.

This meant a very creditable 3rd place finish out of the 6 schools who took part. It's pleasing to report that this means the team are invited to the South-West of England State school's competition which will take place in early April at Taunton School, Somerset.

Congratulations to all 15 boys who represented the school brilliantly both in their Hockey performance and the positive sportsmanship they showed.

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL QUALIFY FOR COUNTY CUP SEMI FINAL

Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team on their 0-4 victory at Helston this week in the quarter finals of the U12 County Cup. Goals for Billie, Jayce and two for Rio.

Well done to you all, we are now looking forward to watching you play in the semi finals





RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

PRIMARY EVENTS WITH RLS SPORTS LEADERS—CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the Primary Cross Country runners who competed in our inter-school event at the end of February. As well as providing personal challenge to all this was also a qualifying event for the Cornwall School Games for top runners.

Undeterred by the slightly soggy and muddy conditions, you completed your laps with stamina, strength and determination. The support from your classmates on the side lines was also brilliant!

A huge thank you to our amazing RLS Sports Leaders who ran the event, managing the start, finish, leading the race as 'hares' and running alongside younger students to encourage. Thank you Mr Parker for all your hard work organising too.

This event is one of many which we host for our primary partner schools. Students have also enjoyed a swimming gala and will take part in an athletics competition this week, with many more events planned.

REPRESENTING WEST CORNWALL

Our U15 West Cornwall Boys have had a great season. Following selection, Charlie, Drustyn, Louie and Lev played Dorset at Penryn College and then Somerset the following week.

The boys always look very smart, and ready for business, in their shirts and ties in the morning so we grabbed a photo!

These boys also regularly play for the school, securing brilliant wins this term.





RLS WEST CORNWALL FOOTBALLERS JOURNEY TO THE NATIONAL FINAL!

Huge Congratulations to the West Cornwall Schools U12 Girls Football Team on making HISTORY by securing a place in the ESFA National Cup Finals! Well done to RLS students Daisy, Thea, Suzy, Emily and Izzy!!! Everyone at Richard Lander School wishes you the very best for this match!

Read about their journey to the final here—Thank you so much to our parents who have kept us informed, sending us these reports.



Quarter Final: Brighton & Hove made the long journey to Cornwall full of confidence after topping their group and remaining unbeaten in the competition. Credit to them—they were strong, played a direct game, and caused some tricky moments. However, our girls stood firm, swept up well, and dealt with the danger superbly.

We were the team looking to play football, and after creating some good early chances, we eventually took the lead from a long throw that Ruby got on the end of and finished well. Brighton defended bravely, and their goalkeeper produced an outstanding performance, making it difficult for us to put the game to bed while also creating a few chances of their own.

We did eventually get the second goal our performance deserved, with Ruby finishing off a well-worked team move from West Cornwall.

It was a fully deserved win, and the girls were outstanding from the very first moment. Every member of the squad stepped up and played their part. The girls have made history for West Cornwall Schools by qualifying for the semi-finals of the ESFA National Cup, and we're excited to find out who our opponents will be.

Semi Final: West Cornwall Girls have made history on Saturday by reaching the ESFA District Schools National Cup Final, overcoming Havering in a closely contested match to win 1–0.

The girls gave absolutely everything and dug deep to secure the win. The West Cornwall girls stood firm, showing incredible determination to see the game out and secure their place in the final.

Cornish girls can compete with anyone — give them the opportunity and they prove exactly why they deserve to be there. They were outstanding!

[West Cornwall U12 have a Go Fund Page to help pay for costs of getting to the final here.](#)

Result

National Cup – Quarter Final

West Cornwall Schools U12 Girls **VS** Brighton & Hove Schools U12 Girls

7th February

Kick-off: 1:30pm

Camborne College 3G



West Cornwall create history and make it through to the Semis of the national cup



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT - STAR STUDENTS - SPORTING SUCCESS

ZIAH - BASKETBALL



Huge congratulations to Ziah for his outstanding achievements in basketball!

Ziah has been excelling in the Basketball England Talent Pathway, and his hard work and dedication have truly paid off.

On 21st February, he will proudly represent the South West against the East Midlands, West Midlands, and the Welsh National Team — an incredible milestone! Everyone is extremely proud of Ziah, his coaches at The Cornwall Saracens, his family, who watch his talent, commitment, and determination week after week and us at Richard Lander School!



CHARLIE - RUGBY

Huge congratulations to Charlie B in Year 10 for his fantastic achievements in rugby!

Charlie has been selected for the Exeter Chiefs U15 Academy, a huge accomplishment with very competitive selection, highlighting his talent, commitment, and hard work.

Charlie is also a huge asset to the school rugby team, consistently demonstrating skill, teamwork, and dedication both on and off the pitch.

Everyone is incredibly proud of you — your coaches, teammates, family, and all of us at Richard Lander School. Well done, Charlie, and keep pushing forward!



JENNIFER - SHOWJUMPING

Jennifer is one of our top RLS Equestrian Team members and her fantastic performance at NSEA Showjumping at Bicton with her horse Made You Look Twice! was one example of her skill, talent and dedication in the saddle.

She delivered an impressive fast double clear in the 70cm class, securing an excellent 3rd place. This amazing result has qualified her for the National Finals at Addington in October — a brilliant achievement. Jennifer was also the highest placed Cornwall competitor, earning her the title of County Champion in her class and qualifying her for the Hickstead Championships in May — outstanding success!

We love celebrating student success and find that it really inspires our students. If you would like to share your child's achievements, sporting or other, please email swright@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk



Richard Lander School is taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

This March, thousands of people from across the country are joining the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – Richard Lander School included! We'd love for your household to take part

By counting every piece of plastic packaging you throw away in a week, you'll help pressure the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.

Plastic is essential for many people to live safely and independently. But walk into any supermarket and you'll see the scale of the problem right there on the shelves: almost all of our food and household products are wrapped in plastic. How can we recycle our way out of the problem when too much plastic is being produced in the first place?

In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't even recycled. Most of it is burned in the UK and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill – all of which harms people and planet. Since the last count, the UK has elected a new government – one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

1. Stick your Count Sheet somewhere noticeable – like the fridge
2. Tell everyone at home that you're counting plastic packaging and make sure they do, too.
3. Between 9-15 March, count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away – whether you're at home, at school or on-the-go.

Your Count Sheet includes categories for different types of plastic. This means The Big Plastic Count team can figure out what happens to your plastic after you bin it. For help with categorising, and to see the things you don't need to count, head to: thebigplasticcount.com

After you have finished your investigation, your child can record your results at home via our unique school link: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/.../richard-lander-school>

Or return the Count Sheet to school, room 203 on 16th March 2026 to submit their results in class.

#CountYourPlastic thebigplasticcount.com

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

9-15 MARCH

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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 22nd February 2026 - Maria B

Well done to our Artist of the Week: Maria B in Year 10 for her fantastic photograph showing a self portrait - 'Time' Her use of light and contrast evokes an atmospheric memory of a presence once so present.

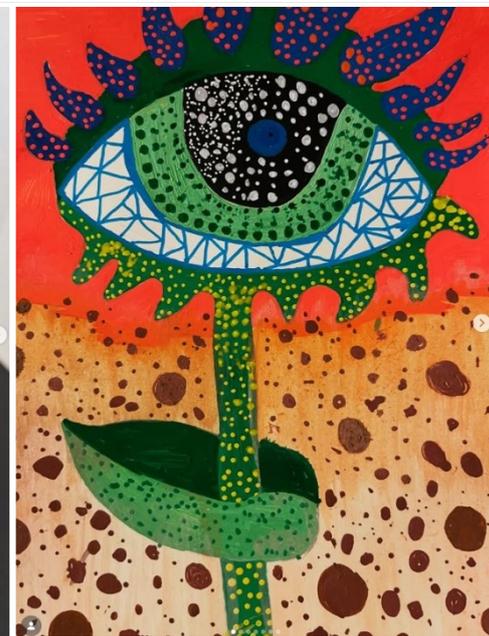
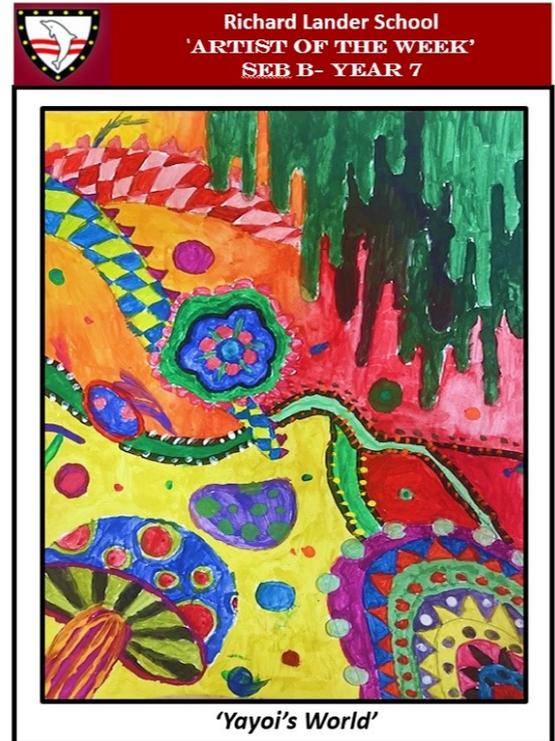
W/E 6th March 2026 - Seb B

Congratulations to Seb B in Year 7 who has created this wonderful abstract painting informed by nature and the dotty world of the artist Yayoi Kusama. We love the use of abstract shapes and vivid complementary colours which are creatively placed and imagined. Colour would be welcome to brighten up all our worlds at this time of year! Well done Seb!



@richardlanderschoolart on Instagram

1. Year 10 are doing lovely acrylic paintings of bones.
2. Great homework by Leah.
3. Year 7 Yayoi Kusama inspired homework . All about the dots!
4. We went to Threemilestone Primary School last week to do an Art workshop with Year 6 students . The workshop was all about creating Cornish inspired landscapes to fit in with their Celebrating Cornwall fortnight . What a creative lot and some brilliant collages!





Toilet Refurbishment

Over the 2025 summer break, two of our toilet blocks were remodelled, opening out the toilet blocks with floor to ceiling doors.

This remodelling maintained separate toilet facilities for boys and girls.

The school has undertaken extensive consultation with students who have responded very positively about the remodelling. Students feel safer using school toilets; it has reduced the 'meeting-up' of groups of students in toilet blocks; it has reduced bullying; it has also reduced in-lesson truancy and has improved punctuality to lessons.

As a result, the school is working with its contractor to remodel further toilet areas across the school, and this work is intended to be carried out in the 2026 summer break.

If any parent would like to discuss this further with school management, please do so through the 'enquiries' email address for the school, with 'Toilet Remodelling' in the subject box.

The Enquiries email address is:

enquiries@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

Important update from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) regarding *Burkholderia stabilis* and recently identified concerns linked to certain contaminated first aid products.

We have been asked by Cornwall Council Public Health to share the link below and to advise parents and carers to check their first aid kits.

Burkholderia are a type of bacteria found naturally in the environment, including in soil and water.

Burkholderia stabilis is one species within this group. While many people never encounter problems with this type of bacteria, it can cause serious infections in certain circumstances, particularly among vulnerable individuals.

Certain non-sterile alcohol-free wipes have been linked to a recent outbreak of *Burkholderia stabilis* in the UK.

[What is *Burkholderia stabilis*, and why should I check my first aid kit? – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Truro Foodbank Donation

You may remember that, at Christmas, we held an end of term, non-uniform day for Truro Foodbank. All food donations were delivered to the foodbank on the first day back in January, and, this term, we were delighted to receive this email!

Please thank all at Richard Lander who contributed to the generous donation of £681.31 to Truro Foodbank. This will go towards buying in food of which we are short. Our customers will then be able to choose from a balanced range of food supplies.

It is a significant donation and we are grateful for your consideration and generosity.

Well done to you all.





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Rainbow Run returns to RAF St Mawgan Newquay on Saturday 20 June 2026 and is open to anyone aged 5 years old and over. You can run, walk, or jog whilst being showered in powder paint at 8 different colour stations.

Included in the price is a bespoke 2026 Rainbow run medal, an event village full of stalls, games, food vendors and entertainment and 8 colour stations.

As well as making memories on this fun-filled day out, you will be raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West.

By taking part you're pledging to raise £35 as an individual or £93 as a family. Last year £107,000 was raised!



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Supported Internships Information Day

Your Next Step.

Wednesday 19 March, 1:00pm–3:30pm New County Hall

Planning your next steps and have an EHCP, or support someone who does?

Join us for an informative and friendly session all about Supported Internships starting September 2026. Come and discover the support and pathways available.

Why attend?

Discover what Supported Internships are, who they're for, and how they can help young people gain skills, confidence, and real work experience.

At the event you can:

- Meet local employers offering real-world work placements.
- Chat with education and training providers.
- Learn how to apply for Supported Internships.
- Ask questions and get personalised guidance.

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In2MedSchool South West Aspiring Medics Day 18/04/26 Scan QR to Sign Up/

Another great opportunity for KS4 students!

'We are delighted to invite your students to attend our Aspiring Medics Conference 2026, taking place at the St Luke's Campus, University of Exeter, on Saturday, 18th April 2026. This is an exciting collaboration between national widening participation charity In2MedSchool (Charity number: 1197973) and the University of Exeter's Clinical Education Society and WAMS (Widening Access to Medicine Society). This completely free, action-packed event is designed to support Year 10–12 students who are considering applying to study Medicine. The day will provide clear, practical guidance on the medical school application process and offer students an authentic insight into medical student life.

Morning Talks

- Overview of the medical school application process
- Alternative routes into Medicine
- Dealing with rejection and resilience
- A day in the life of a medical student
- Personal statements
- Interviews for Medical School
- Student finance

Afternoon Interactive Workshops

- UCAT 101
 - Clinical Skills Taster Session
 - Problem-Based Learning (PPBL) Taster Session
- The conference will be held at the University of Exeter's St Luke's Campus and will be delivered by current medical students and doctors, offering attendees both expertise and relatable insight.

For those interested in attending from outside of Exeter, where travel expenses would be a barrier, there will be partial travel reimbursements available for the students.

Please use the Student Sign Up form accessed by following this QR code.