



RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL BULLETIN

30th April 2026

Dates for your Diary

MAY

Friday 1st

Lander4Uganda Talent Show!

Tickets on the door, details below.

Saturday 2nd/ Sunday 3rd

BSGA Finals at Fenton Manor

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 5th

Boys Track and Field at Carn Brea

Leisure Centre

Wednesday 6th

Girls Track and Field at Carn Brea

Leisure Centre

Thursday 7th

ARB Litter Pick

ARB Sailing

Friday 8th

ARB Visit to the Vets

ARB Sailing

Monday 11th —Friday 22nd

Year 10 Mocks - Options in Lessons

Monday 11th

Art and Photography Exhibitions =

Private View - Main Hall

Tuesday 12th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Locality Meeting

Wednesday 13th

Tennis Tournament Boscawen Courts

Peer Mentoring Training

Thursday 14th

Year 8 Parents Evening

ARB Sailing

Tuesday 19th

Tennis Tournament Boscawen Courts

Alps Parent Evening 18:00—19:00

Wednesday 20th

Women in Leadership

Thursday 21st

Year 8 Art/Performance Workshop

ARB Sailing

Friday 22nd

Year 9 Falmouth Uni Graduate Show

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

Tuesday 2nd

ARB visit to KoKo Beauty

Venice Parents Evening 18:00-19:00

Thursday 4th

Harry Potter Drop Down Day

Tennis Tournament Boscawen Courts

Year 8 Art/Performance Workshop

ARB Sailing/Co-op Visit

Friday 5th

Royal Cornwall Show—Year 9

Friday 5th—Sunday 7th

Silver DofE Assessment

Monday 8th

Tennis Tournament at Penair School

Tuesday 9th

Art Workshop at Penlee Gallery

ARB River Trip

U13 Cricket Tournament at

Grampound Road

Wednesday 10th

Story of Emily Trip

Wednesday 10th/Monday 15th

Year 6 Mini Transition Workshops

Wednesday 17th

Tennis Tournament - Penair School

19th/22nd/29th

Geography—Human Fieldwork—Year

10—Falmouth

Tuesday 23rd

Sports Day

HAS LANDER GOT TALENT?

You Decide

May 1st 6:30-9
Richard LANDER MAIN HALL

RLS TALENT COMPETITION

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO UGANDA

Looking for 15 Acts:

-Singing

-Dancing

-Comedy

-Magic

-Any other acts



Mystery panel of teachers



Child £3 | Adult £7 Sign Up Below

Exceptional Skill

Uganda Cafe

Raffle

Accepting Student and Teacher Entries



RLS Science Fair 2026



Our school hall was buzzing with curiosity and discovery at our recent Science Fair, where students hosted their own trade stands to demonstrate a wide range of fascinating scientific phenomena.

Visitors were treated to excellent explanations, engaging activities, quizzes, and even prizes, which made science both fun and interactive for everyone involved. The level of effort and creativity on display was truly impressive.

Our students explored an incredible variety of topics and showcased their findings through live demonstrations, including:

Chemistry in Action: Using science to clean pennies, filtration experiments, and chromatography investigations that revealed hidden colours.

Physics & Forces: Investigating surface tension, experimenting with static electricity and magnetism, and even demonstrating the Magnus effect in action.

The Natural World: Discovering the secrets of seed dispersal, animal adaptations, and viewing the world through a different lens with "guess the microscopic slide."

Human Biology: Interactive stands focused on nutrition, fitness, DNA, and hands-on activities exploring taste, touch, and reaction times.





Earth Science: Featuring erupting lava lamps and an interactive map of the world's volcanoes.

Throughout the event, students confidently shared their knowledge and enthusiasm with the rest of the school, as well as with our visiting primary school partners. It was wonderful to see our learners acting as mentors and experts for the younger visitors.

Well done to all the students who took part—you were awesome! Thank you for making the fair such an inspiring event and for showing us all just how exciting science can be.





An Incredible Week at the Cornwall Music Festival

We had an incredible week of music-making at the Cornwall Music Festival. From Monday through to Friday, our performers filled Truro Methodist Church with talent, passion, and dedication, coming away with a string of prestigious awards and glowing reviews.

The week kicked off on Monday with several outstanding performances. Lyra set a high bar in the Grade 5/6 violin class, taking the top spot in her category. The adjudicator praised her clear style and dynamic range, noting how she "listened to her own performance" to achieve a brilliant result.

Success continued in the vocal categories, where Sienna and Hettie were awarded top of their class for their self-arranged rendition of *Shallow* by Lady Gaga. The judge was particularly impressed by how their voices "married really well" as they built intensity throughout the piece.

As the festival progressed, our soloists and ensembles continued to shine:

Solo vocalists, Maisie, Kensa, Daisy, Theo, Sienna, and Elliot all delivered emotive performances in the popular music category, making the most of the church's wonderful acoustics, while vocal trio: Mali, Poppy, and Rosie performed a beautiful duet with piano accompaniment, securing another "top of the class" finish for our school.

On the final day of the festival, our large ensembles and senior soloists delivered a masterclass in musicality. Our students achieved consistent scores of 89–91, reflecting the high standard of talent across the board with these impressive results:

- Orchestra – Runner-up by just 1 mark
- Selected Voices – Winners
- Whole School Choir – Runner-up





Orchestra with Year 7 Choir – Winners
Soul Band – Runner-up by just 1 mark
Oscar Cornell – Phenomenal Grade 8 performance

Every student who took part was a credit to the school. We are immensely proud of their hard work and the professional way they represented our community. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Jones, Mrs Munns, and Miss Harris for their tireless work in organising the entries, and to the Cornwall Music Festival team for hosting such a brilliant and inspiring event.

Well done to all our amazing musicians!





Year 10 DofE Silver Weekend

What a weekend! While most were relaxing, 12 amazing teams were out in the wilds of Penwith, completing their Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition practice under glorious sunshine.

Over two demanding days, our students demonstrated incredible stamina and resilience—navigating complex routes, hitting every checkpoint, and managing their own camps and meals.

To put their achievement into perspective, our teams collectively walked the equivalent distance from Cornwall to Istanbul!

Despite walking for over seven hours each day with heavy





packs, the students never lost their sense of humour. They supported one another through every steep climb and tricky navigation point, proving that the DofE spirit is alive and well.

Our school continues to set the gold standard (or in this case, Silver!) for outdoor education with 75 Year 10 students currently signed up for Silver, and 160 Year 9 students enrolled for Bronze. This makes us the biggest school for DofE in Cornwall and one of the largest state school cohorts in the entire country.

We are immensely proud of the scale and success of our program and of our fantastic students who embrace the challenge with the best attitude and enthusiasm! A huge well done to our teams: Wombats, Kangaroos, Koalas, Wombas, Emus, Platypuses, Kookaburras, Echidnas, Dingoes, Quokkas, Goannas and Cassowaries!

For the assessed DofE Silver expedition we are splitting the team with half doing the challenge in June and half in September. Bring it on!





Business and Enterprise Update

LOOP Scoop Awards at Young Enterprise Cornwall Showcase!

We're incredibly proud of our Richard Lander School Young Enterprise company, LOOP, who attended the Cornwall Showcase at Heligan just before the Easter break.

LOOP impressed visitors with their beautiful range of unique, upcycled products – including bags, purses and hats – all designed and created by the team. They also delivered a fantastic presentation to a panel of judges, sharing their journey from setting up their company through to trading successfully this year.

We're delighted to announce that LOOP were awarded the Sustainability Award as well as Runner-Up Company of the Year 2026 and the Teamwork Award – an amazing achievement!

The confidence, creativity and resilience shown by our students has been outstanding. A huge thank you to Cornwall Young Enterprise for organising such a fantastic event and for their continued support, and to Mr Young for leading Young Enterprise at Richard Lander School.

LOOP wish to thank Cornwall Hospice Care for the clothes as they have been upcycling items from their warehouse. LOOP are already looking forward to their next opportunity to trade!





Business and Enterprise Update Business Taster at Truro College

Sixteen Year 9 students were invited to attend taster sessions at Truro College within the Business department. During the visit, students took part in a range of engaging and interactive activities. In the first session, students explored fingerprinting, learning about the different types of fingerprints. They had the opportunity to take their own fingerprints and identify which type they had, making the session both practical and informative.

The second session focused on Business and Economics. Students investigated how pricing and quantity influence each other, as well as how these factors impact customer demand. This gave them a useful introduction to key economic concepts.

The final session centred on Travel and Tourism, with a focus on communication skills. Students took part in activities such as “Chinese whispers,” which proved to be particularly enjoyable and highlighted the importance of clear communication.

Overall, the sessions provided students with a valuable insight into different subject areas and were both educational and enjoyable.

Thank you Truro College!



Star Student Immy!

Huge congratulations to Immy, who has been awarded 1st place in the Truro (Boscawen) Rotary Club Young Musician Award (Under 14s) with an outstanding score of 91 marks!



This incredible achievement comes on top of a week of wonderful performances at the Cornwall Music Festival – what a fantastic run!

Such a well deserved award as Immy continues to wow us all with her talent and her beautiful singing voice, here at Richard Lander. When Immy performs, she owns that stage!

We are so proud of you, Immy – keep shining



Check out these beautiful pictures made by Year 11 in a sea glass wellbeing workshop hosted by Mrs Madeley!



Romeo and Juliet with The Minack and Complicité

Our Year 10 students had an incredible day taking part in a Romeo and Juliet workshop with The Minack Theatre and Complicité Theatre last term!

The session began with students “being starlings” — moving together as a group with no leader, responding to each other instinctively and working collaboratively. It was amazing to see their focus and teamwork develop so quickly.

They then moved on to creating freeze frames inspired by key moments from the play... can you guess which scenes are captured in these photos? A huge thank you to The Minack Theatre and Complicité for such an inspiring and engaging experience — a truly great day for our students!





Mock Trial Competition 2026

Well done to all our Mock Trial team who competed just before the Easter Break.

Miss Wise and Mr Gell took 15 students to compete in the Mock Trial Competition at Truro Magistrates courts on the Friday before we broke up.

Our team finished equal on points with the winners Humphry Davey, an excellent result and a day full of impactful experience of how the law works in real life.

The students involved were a credit to the school and excellent ambassadors. Well done to you all!

We also just love these drawings from our Mock Trial court artist Reese!





Lander4Uganda Fundraising Update

Pedal Power for Uganda: We are very proud of the amazing fundraising efforts from Thomas and Eli, who are currently taking on cycling challenges to support Lander4Uganda.

These boys are putting in some serious miles to make a difference:

Thomas took on a gruelling 12-hour non-stop cycle and Eli is committed to cycling 400km over 40 days—showing incredible consistency and dedication.

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Thomas is cycling for 12 hours straight...

Eli is cycling 400km over 40 days...



LANDER FOR UGANDA

and RAFFLE

PUB QUIZ

@ The Aggie
Hosted by legendary quizmaster **PETE MITCHELL**

LANDERFORUGANDA FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH
7:30 FOR 8PM START
ST AGNES HOTEL

£2 each, up to 6 players per team
Tables booked in advance
01872 552307

LANDER FOR UGANDA

Event Organiser Fundraising: Tassy, Sylvie, Ailsa, Libby and Daisy are doing a brilliant job of fundraising for Lander4Uganda this year, organising events which provide lively, fun occasions for participants whilst raising money for our favourite cause! WIN WIN!

Over Easter they ran a car boot sale and next up, they're getting ready for a pub quiz and raffle!

Guaranteed to be an awesome night out to remember!

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.

Every penny raised goes directly into the Lander4Uganda pot. This funding is vital, as it pays for the building materials and essential maintenance projects which the team will be carrying out first-hand when they travel to Uganda this July.



Marathon Fundraising: Well done Gus, Oz, Dylan and Eoin on your epic Lander4Uganda fundraising effort!!!

These students did a sponsored walking marathon from St Agnes to St Ives on the first Wednesday of the holidays...

Not only is this a very challenging distance, the terrain and elevation require determination, fitness and stamina well beyond most of us!

These boys actually ended up doing more than the 26 miles as they wanted to make it to The Island at St Ives..

They also raised more than 2.5 times their original target which is superb news for Lander4Uganda!

To say we are impressed is a complete understatement. Thank you and a huge pat on the back from us all!

This entire Lander4Uganda team are already showing their determination and strength. They are going to have an awesome time in Uganda 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/>

£30 Per Person

Raffle



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.




We now have the results!

Over 13,500 young people voted during the elections, including 1,329 from Richard Lander. 18 young people have now been chosen by the voting process to become Elected Members including Molly, from Richard Lander School!

Two of the remaining candidates from Richard Lander have applied to be Associate Members of the Youth Council. Very well done to all our candidates and congratulations to Molly!

Cornwall Youth Council will share more details of the new Youth Council priorities for the 2026-28 term soon and will also keep us updated about other opportunities moving forwards.



CORNWALL YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2026-2028

Thank you for helping young people take part in voting. The Cornwall Youth Council elections have now finished. Over 13,500 young people voted on anonymous statements to elect three young people per constituency area in Cornwall. The top three most voted statements for change in each area are outlined below. As a Cornwall Youth Councillor they will...

NORTH CORNWALL	SOUTH-EAST CORNWALL	ST AUSTELL & NEWQUAY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eli ... help reduce antisocial behaviour by increasing sport, art, music facilities. 2. Esme ... promote accessible mental health information and support for young people. 3. Reuben ... improve the future for children with learning difficulties and disabilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter ... increase youth access to leisure facilities and reliable public transport. 2. Mason ... champion accessibility and information about mental health support in schools. 3. Hugh ... campaign for outdoor spaces in schools to boost mental wellbeing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gabriel ... tackle bullying, build friendship networks, help young people feel respected. 2. Sofia ... help give students a voice in decisions affecting their lives. 3. Zoe ... champion free, safe, accessible transport; growing opportunity and ending barriers.
TRURO & FALMOUTH	CAMBORNE & REDRUTH	ST IVES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Henry ... increase the quality and amount of sports facilities and clubs. 2. Miranda ... advocate for free sanitary items across my area, including schools. 3. Molly ... champion improved mental and physical wellbeing services for young people. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jowan ... campaign for freedom to travel for every young person. 2. Zaya-Peyton ... help provide safe, maintained spaces for sports, socialising and study. 3. Charlie ... ensure young carers know about and receive the right support. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reuben ... improve public transport for young people to access education/leisure. 2. Scarlet ... push for easy access for mental health support at school. 3. Rose ... ensure better support in schools especially with tests and exams.



Congratulations to every single student who earned merits in the last month – your hard work, positive choices and commitment to your studies are already paying off!

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 24/04/2026

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

GODREVVY - GLWY - 30.08
PENTIRE - PCHi - 30.50
RAME - RANr - 28.30
TOWAN - TCAb 35.00
YEAR 10 - 10PBLk - 31.50
YEAR 11 - 11GJDi - 25.96

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 24/04/2026

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

Imogen S (GJHk)
Luke S (GSMr) **Jago L (PRSe)**
Max H-B (PAYo) **Aurora C (RANr)**
Rupert S (RAGe)
Millie B (TCAb)
Sophie W (TAWa) **Davis S (10RLSh)**
Harry W (10RPSH)
Cameron M (11REHy)
Xavi S (11REHy)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 24/04/2026

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

Towan
..with an average merits per student of... **28.67**

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 27/03/2026

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

GODREVVY - GJHk - 12.08
PENTIRE - PRJe - 12.12
RAME - RRUr - 12.50
TOWAN - TCAb 13.00
YEAR 10 - 10GAMd - 12.58
YEAR 11 - 11PJAm - 12.15

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 27/03/2026

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

Hayden B-H (GJHk)
Eve D (GJHk) **Juwin J (PSSq)**
Ella S (PHHu) **Arthur L (RAGe)**
Jemima B (RRUr)
Laila-Faith A (TCAb)
Finn C (TCAb) **Davis S (10RLSh)**
Dylan C-L (10GAMd)
Eva A (11PJAm)
Daisy B (11PJAm)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 27/03/2026

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

Year 10
..with an average merits per student of... **11.32**

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Tutor Groups
Week Ending 20/03/2026

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

GODREVVY - GSMr - 16.31
PENTIRE - PRJe - 15.46
RAME - RRUr - 17.70
TOWAN - TPCo 18.81
YEAR 10 - 10LDo- 16.16
YEAR 11 - 11RHMa - 13.19

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Students
Week Ending 20/03/2026

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

Leah M-C (GIWi)
Aneesah A (GSMr) **Juwin J (PSSq)**
Archie W (PRSe) **Albert T (RAGe)**
Tere A (RANr)
Oliver H (TTWi)
Dinelle G (TPCo) **Davis S (10RLSh)**
Saresia H (10GRWi)
Cameron M (11REHy)
Arlo B (11GBLe)

Richard Lander School
Merits: Top Performing Learning Community – Week Ending 20/03/2026

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

Towan
..with an average merits per student of... **16.49**



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT

YEAR 7 BOYS HOCKEY — A STRONG START!

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys who competed in the County Hockey tournament at the end of last term.

There were some tough games against Truro School, Humphry Davy and Penryn College but victory against Mounts Bay and a draw against Liskeard, gave the team a 4th place finish. Well done to all 10 players and the challenge is here to keep working hard and improving.



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

RLS GYMNASTS QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL FINALS!

Huge congratulations to our incredible gymnasts who qualified for the National Finals of the Milano BSGA Floor and Vault competition.

Our U16 team achieved an amazing silver medal at the South West Floor and Vault competition — a fantastic achievement!



A special shout-out to Delilah, who was crowned South West Champion — an outstanding performance!

Well done also to Molly (4th place) and Niamh (6th place) for their brilliant efforts — you've all done us proud! — and a big thank you to Senara and Mrs Anderson for looking after the team while judging was taking place — your support means so much.

And finally, huge thanks to Miss Hurworth for organising all of our gymnastics entries and giving our students these amazing opportunities. We are so proud of you all — the Nationals are this weekend and we are all very excited to support you!

Go get it Team RLS!



YEAR 9 BOYS REGIONAL HOCKEY

Following a successful county tournament our Year 9 boys team travelled to Taunton School for the regional Hockey tournament which involved 9 of the best Hockey playing state schools in the south-west enjoying the outstanding facilities of the host school.

It is important to remember that our 11 player squad included many players who are very new to the sport and all eleven would probably not consider Hockey to be their number one sport. This made qualification for this event a brilliant achievement as were the performances on the day.

Of the 6 games played on the day RLS achieved 2 excellent victories, against Bristol Free School and Holyrood School. The day finished with us competing in the 5th/6th place play off where we narrowly lost 1-0 to Kings of Wessex School, despite us dominating for most of the game. In a way this last game epitomised the progress made by our team as earlier in the day we had been comfortably beaten 3 nil to the same opponents.

The RLS team got better and better as the day went on and this was highlighted by the umpires and organisers on the day. Credit must go to all 11 players for their impeccable behaviour and for competing with huge enthusiasm, effort, positivity and skill. The performances give us huge encouragement for the next 2 years with this team.

Thanks to Mr Andrew who supported our trip to Taunton and also to Mr Shepherd, from Penryn College and his team who greatly supported our preparation for this competition.

Congratulations to Penryn who finished overall winners of this regional event.

Mr Stoddard



RLS EQUESTRIAN TEAM - SHOWJUMPING

Very well done to the RLS Equestrian Team who competed at a show jumping event on March 15th. The weather was dreadful, but that didn't put the team off and came away with some very pleasing results!

- Our RLS team came 3rd for 'Tack and Turn Out' in the open category and 4th in the novice category.
- Freya placed 5th individually in the 60/65 and Megan came 2nd in the 70/75.
- Overall our novice team finish 2nd!

Well done to you and your four legged friends! Massive thank you to Mrs Counter for holding the fort whilst Ms Hurworth was busy with our school gymnasts in Bideford!





Year 9 Boys Retain County Rugby Sevens Title!

The Richard Lander School Year 9 team have enjoyed an outstanding couple of years and went into the annual Rugby Sevens as reigning sevens and 15 a-side champions. This gave the team lots of confidence but also put them under added pressure as they knew they were the team to beat.

In a tournament hosted by Camborne Academy we were placed in an extremely tough group. All the games were fiercely competitive with an outstanding level of rugby on display from all 5 teams but, as has become customary for our team, there was huge amounts of pace and power on display, combined with committed tackling and creative passing and kicking.

Victories were achieved against Launceston, Penair and Penryn, with a draw against a much improved Redruth team. This secured a top of the table finish for the team and a trip over to the Camborne first team pitch for the knockout stages of the competition.

Our quarter finalist opponents were Pool school who ran us close in the first half but eventually we finished comfortable winners. This saw us meet our previously closest rivals in this age group, Truro School. This was an extremely tight game which could've gone either way. After taking an early lead Truro School came back strongly and took the lead in the game. After scoring again the RLS team then defended amazingly well, including holding up a Truro player over the try line. The final whistle brought a huge sigh of relief as Truro School were formidable opponents and we had just edged it on this occasion.

The final was a repeat of last year, RLS v Mounts Bay Academy. This saw a totally dominant performance with the RLS team running out comfortable winners, again with powerful, agile and explosive running being the highlight of this performance. This was tough on our opponents who sadly suffered a few injuries in this final.

So, Richard Lander School are County Sevens champions for the 2nd year running, to go alongside the 15 a-side title secured earlier in the year. Congratulations to all 12 players who took part on the day, for their performances and the outstanding attitude and approach they showed.

Mr Stoddard



**LEARNING COMMUNITY
HOCKEY AND GIRLS
FOOTBALL**

Since returning after Easter, we've been enjoying Learning Community sports on the 'astro' at lunchtime and after school.

KS3 Girls are competing in Hockey tournaments while KS4 Girls are competing in Football. All results will count towards the Learning Community Sports totals in the run up to the big finale - Sports Day—which is scheduled for June.

Here are our Year 7 Learning Community Hockey teams who all showed determination, fast developing skills and a fabulous team spirit. Well done to Pentire for pulling off a convincing win for this year group!

Thank you to our PE Staff for running these extra curricular competitions!



**GODREVVY
PENTIRE
RAME
TOWAN
RLS LEARNING
COMMUNITES**



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT - STAR STUDENTS - SPORTING SUCCESS

ST AGNES KESTRELS & TRURO PANTHERS



Very well done to both the U12 St Agnes Kestrels and the Truro Panthers who played each other in the County Cup Final last weekend!

RLS players made up 8 of the Kestrels and 3 of the Panthers and it is fabulous to see our students loving their football and playing to such a high standard out of school!

The St Agnes Kestrels were victorious and are now County Cup winners, with a great team performance! Congratulations to Daisy, Marissa, Thea, Suzy, Lottie, Paige, Ava and Aimee! Suzy was also chosen as player of the match - extra well done to you!

Check out school socials to see Dylan tackle the most fiendish, tiny, slippery of climbing holds with precision, balance and strength during the final, held at The Tide near Padstow.

Dylan trains with an elite climbing squad in Plymouth Life Centre every week and is part of the British Mountaineering Councils' YCS. He puts in the training hours and it has really paid off!



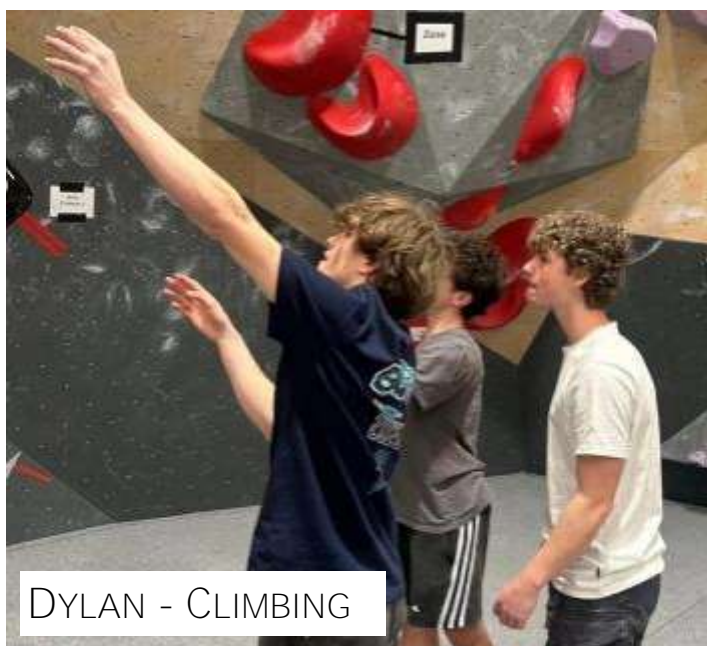
JACK AND RADLEIGH - FOOTBALL

Congratulations to footballers Jack and Radleigh who travelled out of county to compete this Easter, with excellent results!

The boys entered a district schools tournament at Millfield School over the Easter holidays. They attended trials back in August representing Richard Lander School and were selected for the West Cornwall Schools football team.

The tournament at Millfield was a residential over 3 days. The team did really well and won 3 out of 4 games. Jack also won trophies for best player and managers player.

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



DYLAN - CLIMBING

Congratulations to Y11 student Dylan, who recently won the U17 Cornish Open Climbing Championship.



RLS PE & SCHOOL SPORT - STAR STUDENTS - SPORTING SUCCESS



OLI - CROSS COUNTRY

Huge congratulations to Year 9 Oli who recently in the English Schools National Cross Country Championships in Liverpool. Oli qualified for this competition having won the county stage at Truro School back in January when representing Richard Lander School, and then finishing 5th in the regional event in Exeter in February, this time proudly wearing the Cornwall vest.

Running on this national stage saw Oli come up against the most talented long distance runners in the country so this is not only a massive achievement but also a great experience for his future ventures in running. In his age group, Junior Boys, Oli achieved a brilliant 87th place, out of a very strong field of 351 athletes. He is the first Cornish boy to finish this race, with his team achieving the best Cornish result of the day, 29th out of 41 counties who competed. The Cornwall Team Coaches awarded Oli, 'run of the day' for his outstanding performance.



WEST CORNWALL U12 GIRLS

With just 7 days until the NATIONAL FINAL we want to wish the entire West Cornwall U12 Girls team the very best with special mention to our students— Daisy, Suzy, Thea, Emily and Izzy!!

An outstanding quintet of footballers who go from strength to strength!

West Cornwall Girls have made history 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.

They now travel to Stoke to face Liverpool in the final !



AMBER—GYMNASTICS

Huge congratulations to talented gymnast, Amber, who recently competed in the English Championships.

At this event Amber was up against the best gymnasts in the country but she still finished 18th place overall! And 7th place on vault!

This was her first ever English Championships, and we are all very proud of her and can't wait to watch her gymnastics journey as it unfolds from here.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the Summer term, we would like to thank all Richard Lander parents for their ongoing support, and students for their commitment and hard work this academic year. Through our continued partnership and teamwork, we will ensure that the well-being and education of all our students continues to be at the heart of all that we do. With that partnership in mind, below you will find some important updates for the final term of the academic year.

Mobile Phones

The government is in the process of updating its guidance to schools on the use of mobile phones in school, effectively working towards a ban of their use.

Currently, our policy is that from entry to exit in school, mobile phones must be switched off and in school bags. The only time that students may use them is during break and lunch time, and that is only to play music or to play games, not to use their phones to message or call other people. Whilst this policy has worked well, from the point of Year 11 leaving in late June, we intend to adopt the government's recommendation of a total ban in school, meaning that phones must be turned off in school bags from the moment of entry to exit from school.

Our policy remains that if parents need to get in contact with their child during the school day, they should make contact with the school by phone and we will pass any message on to your child or if needs be, bring them to an office space where they can speak with you privately by phone. Parents should not contact their children directly via their phone during the school day, unless it is by message which they expect to be picked up at 3pm.

Our draft policy, intended for governor ratification later this term, can be found on the school's website, under the 'policies' section.

Important Dates

Friday 1st May Landers got Talent show School Hall 6pm to 9pm

Monday 11th May GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition School Hall 5.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 14th May Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 5th June Year 9 visit to Royal Cornwall Show

Tuesday 23rd June Sports Day

Tuesday 30th June Year 10 Truro College Taster Day

Thursday 2nd July Year 6 Parents Evening School Hall 6pm to 7pm

Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July Year 9 Geography Fieldwork

Tuesday 7th July Harry Potter Cast Drop down day

Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July Activities week

Wednesday 22nd July Last Day of term 12pm finish

A Message for Year 11: Good Luck in your Exams

As we approach the start of the GCSE examination season, we would like to take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes to all of our Year 11. This is an important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience, and determination you have shown throughout your studies. Remember to stay focused, take care of yourselves, and give each exam your very best effort.

As we enter this formal examination period, there are several important expectations and regulations that all students and families must be aware of:

- All GCSE exams are national examinations with a fixed start time across England. It is essential that students arrive on time; if a student is late, they may not be permitted to sit the exam. There will be no opportunity to take the exam at an alternative time.
- Please be aware that if a student does not attend an exam for which they have been entered, parents/carers will be charged to cover the cost of the exam entry fee.
- Full school uniform must be worn at all times throughout the examination period.
- Full attendance is expected for the duration of the exam season. Students are not permitted to sign in late for afternoon exams or sign out after morning exams. Leaving the school site without permission is considered a safeguarding concern and will be treated as truancy. Normal sanctions will apply, and this may result in the withdrawal of an invitation to the Prom. As in previous years, there will be no study leave before the final whole-year-group exam, which is Physics Paper 2 on Monday 15th June 2026.
- Students may only sign in or out before or after an exam for a medical appointment if a parent or carer has emailed appropriate evidence (such as a letter or appointment confirmation) to the attendance team at attendance@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk.
- Finally, although the last scheduled GCSE exam is on 17th June, there is a national contingency day set by JCQ on 24th June 2026. This is in place in



case of any disruption to the exam series. While we do not anticipate any issues, all students must remain available up to and including this date.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all of our Year 11 students every success in their exams—you have worked hard for this moment, and we are confident you will do yourselves proud.

Year 11 Leavers Day and Prom

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students to their Leavers' Day on 3rd July as we celebrate all of their hard work and achievements before they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives.

The day will begin with students arriving at school at the normal time and attending their tutor group for registration. Following this, students will head to the Sports Hall where they will enjoy a special breakfast, games, and time with their tutors and staff. Year 11 students may choose to attend in non-uniform or fancy dress. However, we would like to remind both parents/carers and students that all clothing choices must be appropriate for a school environment.

On the evening of 3rd July, students will attend their Year 11 Prom. This special event will once again be held at Princess Pavilions in Falmouth. As a thank you for being such a fantastic year group, Mr Mulcahy and the Governors have kindly agreed to contribute towards the ticket cost, reducing the price from £45 to £38 per ticket.

Students should arrive at 6:45pm at the beachside entrance of the Pavilions and should be collected promptly at 11:00pm from the rear of the venue. Please note that attendance at the Prom is by invitation only. Students wishing to attend must demonstrate good behaviour, good attendance, and have paid any monies owed to the school by 10th May. We look forward to celebrating these important milestones with our Year 11 students.

Every Moment Counts – Let's Aim for Great Attendance!

Regular attendance is the key to your child's success. Every lesson missed is a learning opportunity lost, and even a few days away can make it harder for them to catch up.

We understand that sometimes illness or emergencies happen, but please help us by:
Making sure your child arrives on time every day.
Booking appointments outside school hours where possible.

Letting us know promptly if your child is unwell (please let us know before 8am where possible)

Together, we can give our children the best chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

Further advice

If parents wish to seek further advice about the above, please email the school at enquiries@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk

Uniform

A reminder that Casual or fashion sweatshirts / hoodies cannot be worn whilst on school site. This is for security purposes so our site team can swiftly identify potential intruders on the school site. Please note that all students should also have a RLS jumper or cardigan as these are part of our compulsory school uniform. Students are also expected to have a waterproof coat for journeys to and from school as well as break times.

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



BOYS FIXTURES - SUMMER TERM, 2026



Date	Activity	Year	School	Venue	STAFF	Travel
Wednesday 22 nd April	County Rugby 7s tournament	10	Redruth	AWAY	RPr	Minibus
Mon 27 th April	Tennis	U16	Various	Truro	JWi	Minibus
Tues 5 th May	Track & Field Athletics Cup	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	NSt/HAn	Coach
Thurs 7 th May	Softball	7-10	Redruth	AWAY	JWi/JBr/NSt/RPr	N/A
Tues 12 th May	Cricket	9 & 10	Penryn	Penryn	NSt/RPr	Minibus
Tues 12 th May	Super 6's Athletics	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	NTO/LST/JWi/HAn	Coach
Wed 13 th May	Tennis	U15	Various	Truro	EHu	Minibus
Tues 19 th May	Tennis	U13	Various	Truro	JWi	Minibus
Wed 20 th May	Super 8's Athletics	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	EHU/LST/NSt/HAn	Coach
Thurs 21 st May	Softball	7-10	Camborne	Home	JWi/NSt/JBr/RPr	N/A
HALF TERM						
Tues 2 nd June	Cricket	U15	Various	Grampound Rd CC	RPr	Minibus
Wed 3 rd June	Year 7&8 Cornwall Schools Champs	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	JWi/HAn	Coach
Thurs 4 th June	Tennis	U13/15	Various	Truro	EHU	Minibus
Mon 8 th June	Tennis - league	7 & 8	Various	Penair	HAn	Minibus
Tues 9 th June	Cricket	U13	Various	Grampound Rd CC	JBr	Minibus
Thurs 11 th June	Softball	7-10	Redruth	Home	JWi/NSt/JBr/RPr	N/A
Sat 13 th June	Cornwall Schools Athletics Champs	8-11	Various	Par	RPr/JWi	N/A
Wed 17 th June	Tennis – league	9 & 10	Various	Penair	HAn	Minibus
Thurs 18 th June	Softball	7-10	Camborne	Away	JWi/NSt/JBr/RPr	Coach
Tuesday 23rd June - SPORTS DAY						
Tues 30 th June	Super 8s – Athletics – Finals (if we qualify)	7 – 10	Various	Carn Brea	TBC	Coach
Tuesday 30th July - SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING						



GIRLS FIXTURES SUMMER TERM 2026



Date	Activity	Year	School	Venue	STAFF	Travel
Friday 24 th April	County Cup Semi-final	U14	Penryn	AWAY	NTO/HAN	N/A
Mon 27 th April	Tennis	U16	Various	Truro	JWI	Minibus
Thurs 30 th April	Rounders	7-9	Helston	AWAY	LCK, LST, EHU, NTO	N/A
Tues 5 th May	Cricket	U15	Various	Grampound Rd	LST	Minibus
Wed 6 th May	Track & Field Athletics Cup	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	LCK/LST	Coach
Thurs 7 th May	Rounders	7-10	Falmouth	HOME	LCK, LST, EHU, NTO	Coach
Tues 12 th May	Cricket	U13	Various	Grampound Rd	LST	Minibus
Tues 12 th May	Super 6's Athletics	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	NTO/LST	Coach
Wed 13 th May	Tennis	U15	Various	Truro	EHU	Minibus
Thurs 14 th May	Rounders	7-10	Mullion & Pool	AWAY	LCK, LST, EHU, NTO	Coach
Tues 19 th May	Tennis	U13	Various	Truro	JWI	Minibus
Wed 20 th May	Super 8's Athletics	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	EHU/LST	Coach
Thurs 21 st May	Rounders	7-10	Camborne	AWAY	LCK, LST, EHU, NTO	N/A
HALF TERM						
Wed 3 rd June	Year 7&8 Cornwall Schools Champs	7-10	Various	Carn Brea	NTO/LST	N/A
Thurs 4 th June	Tennis	U13/15	Various	Truro	EHU	Minibus
Thurs 4 th June	Rounders	7-10	Penryn	HOME	NTO, EHU, LCK, LST	Coach
Mon 8 th June	Tennis	7/8	Various	Penair	HAN	Minibus
Wed 10 th June	CSG Rounders	GIRLS ACTIVE	Various	Penryn	LCK/HAN	Coach
Thurs 11 th June	Rounders	7-10	Redruth	AWAY	LST, EHU, NTO, LCK	Coach
Tues 16 th May	Cricket	Yr 7	Various	Grampound Rd	LST/HAN	Minibus
Wed 17 th June	Tennis	9/10	Various	Penair	HAN	Minibus
Thurs 18 th June	Rounders	7-10	Truro High & Penair	HOME	LCK, LST, EHU, NTO	Coach
W/C 22nd June SPORTS DAY						
Wed 1st July SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING						



South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026

ALL ENTRIES TO MRS TOMS BY MAY 15TH PLEASE!

SOUTH WEST CHEF OF THE YEAR 2026

Recognising the region's budding young chefs

Young cooks, aged 11-16, are invited to send us their recipe for a main course dish for two, using principally locally-produced ingredients, as their entry for South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026

Our judges will invite selected entrants to prepare their dish, in 90 minutes, at a county final, initially, and the winners in each county will meet at the grand final in the Autumn to compete for the overall title,

All county winners will be supported by one of our judges, who will act as their mentor, helping them to enhance their dish and providing a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills and experience life in a working kitchen.



South West and Devon Junior Chef of the Year 2025, Jessica Klapsia, and head judge, Michael Caines MBE

Cornwall County Final

Friday 19th June 2.45pm
Cornwall College, Camborne

Judges

Pete Murt

Head Chef, Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant, Padstow

Dorian Janmaat

Chef Patron, Ardor, St Ives

Clyde Connellan

Head Chef Supervisor, Cornwall College



Jessica's winning dish, confit cod fillet with dashi, beurre blanc and oyster

Entry closing date: Tuesday 26th May 2026

The South West Junior Chef final will be held at Exeter College, Devon, on Saturday 10th October 2026. Competitors must be aged 11-16 and still at school in year 11 or below on the date of the South West final

South West Junior Chef of the Year is sponsored by



Richard Caines



Springboard FUTURECHEF

Thanks to our partnership with Springboard FutureChef, our South West finalists will be invited to take part in the FutureChef regional final to compete for a place in their national final in 2027

For more information and to submit your entry, visit: www.southwestchef.co.uk

Email: info@southwestchef.co.uk Tel: 07970 518756

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Lead sponsor:



Year 11 students will be displaying their fantastic creative talents and all the work that they have produced during the GCSE courses at the annual GCSE Art/Photography exhibition . The private view is on Monday 11th May 5.30pm-7pm in the school hall and everyone is welcome to come along.



Art & Photography
exhibition
2026

Private view
11th May 5.30-7pm
Hall

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Young Historian of the Year

SOUTH WEST 2026

THE SUBJECT - BRITISH HISTORY

We want to know more about your favourite part of British history. Whether you're into Romans, Vikings, Tudors, or something more modern - there's so many topics to choose from. You could explore epic battles, how people actually lived day-to-day, or how Britain responded to world events. As long as it's about British history, you can pick whatever fascinates you the most.



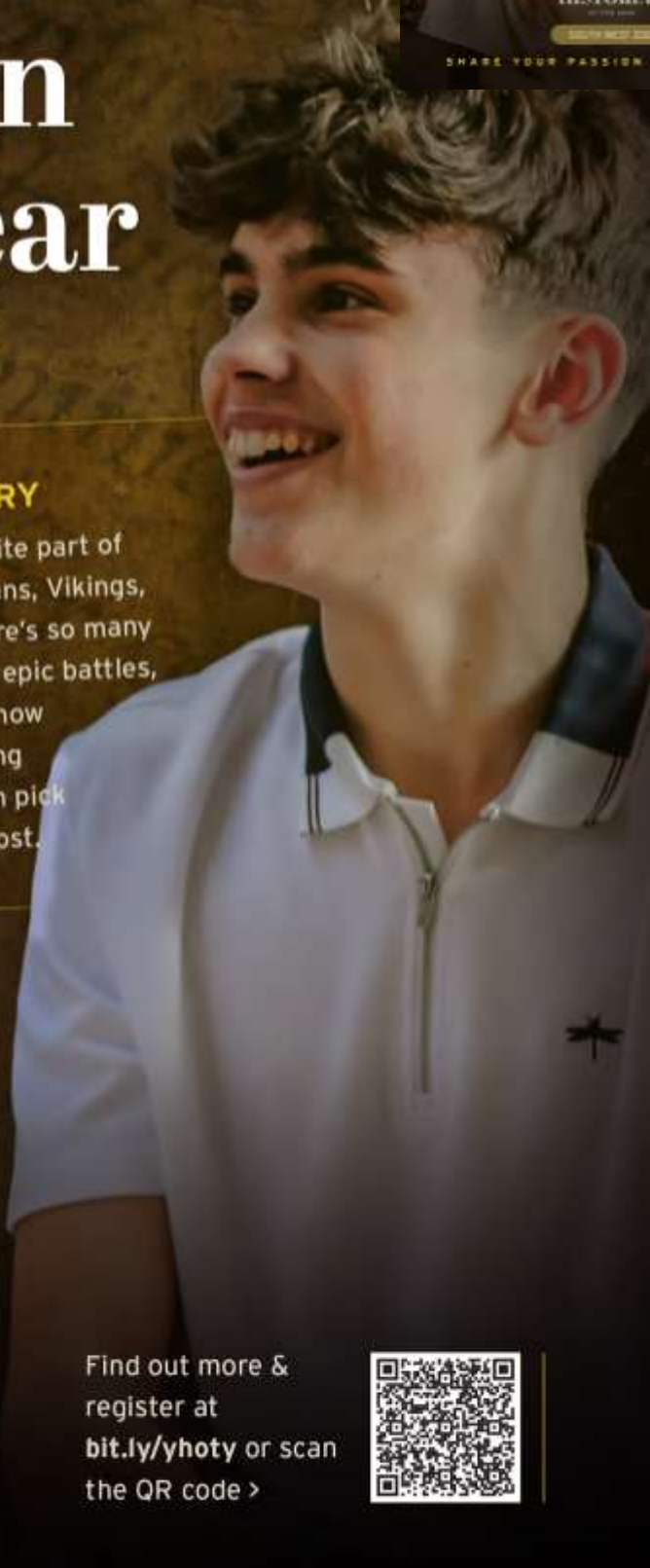
TERMS & CONDITIONS

- * You must be aged **11 - 18**
- * You must live in **DEVON OR CORNWALL**
- * And most importantly you must **LOVE HISTORY**

Register to enter by

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

Find out more & register at bit.ly/yhoty or scan the QR code >





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TRURO COLLEGE ART SUMMER SCHOOL

A week of inventive creativity for 12-16 year olds

Monday 27 - Friday 31 July 2026

Puppet Making

Monday 27 July

Create your own unique hand puppet.



Pottery/Ceramics

Tuesday 28 July or Thursday 30 July

Explore techniques of slab building to create your chosen style of pot, mug, jug or vase.



Zine story telling workshop

Tuesday 28 July

Dive into the bold, colourful world of zine-making in this hands-on workshop.



Jewellery

Wednesday 29 July or Friday 31 July

Create a Celtic torc style bangle or pierce out a design from a sheet of copper.



Mask Making

Wednesday 29 July

Join one of our artists to create your own large carnival-style mask using sustainable, recycled materials.



Automata Making Workshop

Friday 31 July

Come and create your own moving model through the art of automata.



Classes run from 10am - 3pm each day and cost £30 per day or £130 for the week.

Classes take place at the White Building, Truro College, College Road, Truro TR1 3XX.

For more information or to book a place: t: 01872 308000 e: ptinfo@truro-penwith.ac.uk



Manga Workshop With Keith Sparrow

Thu 28 May | The Basement, Helston

Join manga artist and writer Keith Sparrow for a fun and creative manga drawing workshop for those aged 10+. Young artists will learn how to design their own exciting manga characters with step-by-step guidance, using pencil and colour.

[Buy Tickets](#)







ST ERME YOUTH

All Stars (5-8) Dynamos (8-11) U11's Hardball
U13 U15 U16 Girls (Year 7 up) U19*
& Disability Cricket

Friday Summer Family nights at Castle Field, St Erme Community Centre

 **BBQ, Pizzas, Bar Open** 

U16 Girls and Womens 17:30

All other Mixed youth sessions from 18:30



Contact: stermecricketsecretary@hotmail.com

* U19's train on Senior Team nights, unless by other arrangement



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