



WEEKLY BULLETIN

13th September 2012

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This academic year, we are making further developments to some of our systems and practices, and as a result, you should be receiving an even greater flow of information home, enabling you to best support your child(ren) in their education. Our main communication tool will be through e-mail, unless the matter has greater significance, in which case we will either use text message or letter home (either by post or with students to take home).

It is important that we have all parental e-mail addresses on our school database, because without this, the information detailed below will not reach you. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential and no other parent will have access to any other parent e-mail details.

A letter will be sent home via student post, next week, and it is important you complete this and return to the school. This is the data checking sheet relating to the information the school holds regarding your child(ren). Please ensure this is completed and returned to the school, and please make sure you include your e-mail address.

Listed below are all the ways we will be issuing e-mail communication to you regarding the progress of your child, on an on going basis:

Rewards

On a weekly basis, we will e-mail parents, informing you of the number of merits your child has achieved that week. This will help reinforce the positive ethos of the school where reward and celebration is at the heart of the way we work with students. (Further to this, students who receive the most merits each week will be publicly celebrated in school and their name will go into a draw for special reward prizes.)

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Important Dates for your Diary

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Greenpower at RNAS Merryfield

TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

17:20 pm: Year 10 AS Critical Thinking Taster Session

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Open Evening for Year 6 Students and Parents

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Photographs taken of Years 7, 10 and new students.

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

1:15 pm: PSD Awards Presentation in the Community Lounge.

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

All years: Swimming Gala at Millfield School

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Year 10 Work Experience Parents Evening.

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Year 10 Shakespeare Schools Festival Cast Workshop

MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Year 7 Gallery Visit to St Ives

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Behaviour

Using the SIMS programme (our internal information management system) key staff will be kept updated regarding behavioural and uniform issues, on a daily basis. This will include your child's form tutor, their Director of Learning and the Headteacher. Students who receive more than one of these over the course of the week will be monitored more closely and we may make contact with home, either via e-mail or telephone, should this be a cause for concern.

Homework

All staff will now be recording homework using a web based system called 'ShowMyHomework'. Further details of this are contained in this week's Weekly Bulletin. Parents will have access to this system and you will therefore be able to support your child much better than previously, in ensuring this is complete. Students will also be required to write basic details in their planner (the name of the subject setting homework on a given day and the submission date). Parents can cross reference the basic details in

the planner with the actual homework which is on the Show My Homework website.

If your child does not attempt their homework, or completes it to an unsatisfactory standard, you will be notified by e-mail. (If you would like to communicate to the class teacher about this, perhaps explaining why the homework could not be completed, please do so through your child's planner.)

Weekly Bulletin

As per the past 2 years, the main form of communication from the school on more general issues, will be through the Weekly Bulletin, e-mailed to all parents. A copy of the Weekly Bulletin will also be put on the school website.

All the above will help ensure that parents are best informed about their child's progress in school, taking every opportunity to celebrate, raise concern where necessary and keep parents in the loop regarding homework. It is important therefore, that the school holds all parental e-mail addresses on its system.

As part of this process, it is necessary to change our email delivery system. Unfortunately

we cannot guarantee that the new system will replace all the emails from the old system. If you currently receive the Weekly Bulletin on a weekly basis via e-mail, then we should have your e-mail contact address, and you will be kept in the loop regarding all the above, on an ongoing basis. If you don't receive this week's Weekly Bulletin by e-mail, then clearly we do not have your e-mail address or it has failed to transfer.

If you know we do not have your e-mail address, please send it to: eiljin@richardlander.cornwall.sch.uk. We will make direct telephone contact with any parent whose e-mail address the school still does not have, in the next few weeks.

By providing your e-mail details, you will therefore be in a much better position to offer encouragement and support from home, which will go a long way to ensuring that your child makes best progress at school.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Steve Mulcahy, Headteacher



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The Grom Club have hit the ground running at the start of the new school year and are furiously working on the snapped boards that we started during the summer. The students, led by Mr Scott and Mr Everitt, started by cutting away the damaged fibreglass and foam and gluing the snapped surfboards together with foaming waterproof adhesive. The stringers have been reinforced with plywood inserts...and the school desks provided a perfect work surface to realign and support the two halves whilst the adhesive set.

After filling all of the holes and dents with Q-cell mixed with resin, the group are now at the stage of sanding them flush in preparation for a coating of fresh fibreglass to provide the strength required to withstand the pounding surf...watch this space for our next update...the team are

desperate to get them 'ship - shape' again so they can get out in the waves and try them out!
(Mr R Scott)



Safeguarding Children at Richard Lander School

Richard Lander School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy which is on the school website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our children are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

The designated staff in school for Child Protection and Safeguarding concerns are Mrs J Nicholls and Mr P Gilbert.

Mr C Vaughan and Mr S Mulcahy can also be contacted if Mrs Nicholls or Mr Gilbert are unavailable.



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Show My Homework



This term Richard Lander School have introduced the Show My Homework website to enable students and parents to see what has been set for homework and to access resources online.

To get to Show My Homework, please visit the school website at richardlander.co.uk and follow the

Headline Feature link from the homepage. Alternatively go directly to www.showmyhomework.co.uk.

The Show My Homework homepage invites you to search for your school. After searching "Richard Lander" you will see a thumbnail of a calendar with the search result; please click on this. You will then be able to search by year group, subject, class or teacher and will see a colour coded calendar detailing homework and due date, along with upcoming and past tests. Clicking on a calendar entry takes you to a new page where a more detailed description

and any necessary resources can be found.

Unfortunately, due to its popularity Show My Homework has been responding slowly between 4-7 pm. The Show My Homework team are working very hard to sort this out and will be upgrading their servers very soon.

In the meantime any students experiencing difficulties with Show My Homework can use a school IT room to do their homework at lunchtime. 118 will be open from 1 – 2pm.

We hope you enjoy using this exciting new resource!

[GCSE Mathematics Revision Classes for Foundation Exam \(6 & 8 November 2012\)](#)

When and where?

Come along to either session. Every week would be great.

Wednesday lunch-time/tutor time	1.35 - 2.20	Room 223
Wednesday after school	3.30 - 4.15	Room 224

If it's a lunch-time session, make sure you get permission from your tutor and that they know where you are. If it's an after school session, make sure your parents know and you will need to arrange transport home. In the sessions up to the exam students will revise:

Date	TOPIC
Wed 19 Sep	Basic algebra
Wed 26 Sep	Calculations, including estimating & rounding
Wed 3 Oct	Percentages and fractions
Wed 10 Oct	Solving equations
Wed 17 Oct	Perimeter, area and volume
Wed 24 Oct	Averages & range including stem & leaf



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Community Badminton at Richard Lander School

Community Badminton sessions are run in the Richard Lander School Sports Hall, entry is via the rear of the main building. Sessions run every Wednesday, 7

to 9pm and Friday, 6 to 8pm during term time. The cost is £1 per hour that you play (so £2 for all night, £1.50 if you arrive late or leave at 8.30pm) and all equipment and plastic shuttlecocks are provided.

We play for fun with a variety of ages and abilities who all mix together for an enjoyable game of badminton without being too competitive. We do NOT enter

any leagues or competitions. Help can be given if you are a beginner. All are welcome, you do not have to have a connection to the school, though a lot of the players do, and we particularly encourage families to come along and play.

If you have any queries please contact the school and ask for Mr Robinson, who can answer any of your queries.



GRAFT GLOB

Room 114 Tuesdays 1pm (Lunchtime)



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We would always advise you to make an initial enquiry with the relevant organisation prior to using their activities or services.

Cornwall Dance and Drama

Cornwall Dance

Cornwaldance@gmail.com
Call Lisa Ann on 07891189214

Classes from £3

- Contemporary
- Hiphop
- Streetdance
- Lyrical
- Freestyle
- Breaking
- Tricks
- Locking
- Popping
- Ballet
- Tap
- Modern

Opportunities to...
Perform on stage at the Hall for Cornwall
Take IDTA & UDO Exams
Join Teams &
Enter Comp's Locally and Nationally

Visit the website & get in touch
for more information...
www.cornwaldanceanddrama.co.uk

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Cornwall Dance Classes

Contact Lisa Ann on 07891189214
or Email cornwaldance@gmail.com

Newquay Classes @

Yoshimi Spa and Studio, Wesley Yard

Every Monday

- 4pm-4.45pm Kids Klub Streetdance Age 6-11yrs
- 4.45pm-5.30pm Hiphop Juniors Age 11-14yrs
- 6.30pm-7.15pm Adult Contemporary/Ballet Age 18+yrs
- 7.15pm-8pm Adult Streetdance/Workout Age 18+yrs

Truro Classes @

Carrick Recreation and Sports Centre, Carew Road, Hendra

Every Wednesday

- 4-4.55pm Funky Jazz & Hiphop Age 10-14yrs
- 5-5.55pm IDTA Freestyle Dance Exam Class Any Age

Every Thursday

- 4-4.55pm Funky Jazz and Hiphop 14-17yrs
- 5pm-6pm IMPACT Dance Team Class

Every Saturday

- 12-12.45pm Kids Klub Streetdance Age 6-11yrs
- 12.50-1.35pm Junior TRIX Class Age 6-11yrs
- 1.40-2.30pm IDTA Streetdance Exam Class Any Age
- 2.35-3.30pm Hiphop Juniors Age 11-15yrs
- 3.35-4.30pm Senior TRIX Class Age 12-17yrs
- 4.30-5pm Junior Contemporary/Ballet Freestyle Age 6-11
- 5-5.45pm Senior Contemporary/Ballet Freestyle Age 12-17
- 5.45-6.30pm Adult Contemporary/Ballet Freestyle Age 18+

www.cornwaldanceanddrama.co.uk