



## WEEKLY BULLETIN 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012

### 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.

Dear Parents,

This week, I had the pleasure, along with Mr McReady and some of our students, to visit London and to meet with Sarah Newton, our local MP, who entertained us at the Houses of Parliament. It was the culmination of 3 days' fundraising which retraced some of the journey taken by Richard Lander himself, when he walked from Truro to London to seek his fame and fortune. This was organised by Mr McReady, representing the St Agnes and St Perran branch of the Rotary Club. Monies raised will go to the Penhaligon's Friends, who offer support to bereaved relatives and who have given valued support to Richard Lander students in the past.

May I thank Mr McReady for his organisation of this event, plus Ms Elliott and her Public Services students, who walked from the Richard Lander statue in Truro to Kingsley Village, some of whom then walked from Richmond in Surrey all the way to Trafalgar Square. This will be a day our students will remember for many years.

Moving on to GCSE exams – may I encourage all Year 11 parents to ensure their children are revising conscientiously in the lead-up to the summer exams. All departments have issued revision resources and there is plenty of revision material students can be working with, whether that be revision books or on-line resources. If any parent is finding it difficult motivating their children to revise, please do contact your child's tutor who will be able to support or, if needed, engage the support of the relevant Director of Learning.

Kind regards,

Steve Mulcahy



### Important Dates for your Diary

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
EASTER BREAK

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

Art Open Evening

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

BNAC HOLIDAY

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Year 11 students in school 8:30-12:00pm

Year 11 Ball

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Year 10 G & T Visit to Oxford University

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Year 10 Young Enterprise Final

Year 11 NOT IN SCHOOL

**TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Times Spelling Bee Semi-final – Plymouth

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Year 8 Parents Evening

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast is served in the school canteen every morning from 8.00am - 8.25am.

1 slice of toast	25p
Toasted teacake	70p
Hot bacon roll (small)	95p

Cereals	60p
Homemade yoghurt	70p
Muesli bar	60p

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate are also available.





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### Year 11 GCSE English Literature revision sessions

**A662 Modern Drama - An Inspector Calls**

**A663 Prose from Different Cultures - Of Mice and Men**

**A664 Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry - Animal Farm and Poetry Skills**

**A680 Information and Ideas**

Date	Tuesday lunchtime	Wednesday afterschool	Room
1st and 2nd May	A663 Prose from Different Cultures: AO4	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Paragraphing and whole text structure	102
8th and 9th May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: Approaching an unseen poem	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Sentence structure	102
15th and 16th May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: AO1	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Choosing vocabulary for effect	102
22nd and 23rd May	A664 Contemporary Poetry: AO2	A680 Information and Ideas skills: Section B - Effective openings and endings	102

YOUTH CLUB.  
FRIDAY NIGHT'S DURING term time  
Richard Lander community Lounge



YOUTH ALPHA COURSE  
LAUNCHES 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL: 6:15 - 7:15pm

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT ALEX YARLETT:  
✉ A.YARLETT@LIGHTANDLIFE.CO.UK

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#### Advice on Hiring of "Stretch" Limousines and other "Novelty" Vehicles

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Is your child attending a school leavers' ball this year?**

**Are you hiring a special vehicle to transport him or her there?**

Are you aware that companies providing limousines and many other 'special' vehicles on a hire and reward basis must be licensed either by the Local Authority as a Private Hire Vehicle, or have a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operator's licence.

The aim of licensing is to protect the public. By using operators, vehicles and drivers licensed by the Local Authority for Private Hire use, you can be sure that all the appropriate checks have been carried out to ensure the vehicle is roadworthy and safe and that the drivers have been vetted to ensure they are fit and proper to transport your child.

It should be noted that operators who have a PSV operator's licence are not required to licence their drivers, and therefore relevant checks as to their suitability to transport children and vulnerable persons may not have been carried out.

**If you hire a vehicle and driver that have not been properly vetted and licensed, you may be putting your child at risk.**

For your child's protection we have included some safety tips overleaf to follow when considering booking a limousine or other type of special novelty vehicle to take your child to their prom or summer ball.

If you have any questions concerning the advice contained in this notice then please contact Cornwall Council's Licensing Service, which is the Local Authority for Cornwall on:-

Telephone: 0300 1234 212

Or E-mail: [envhealthandlicensing@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:envhealthandlicensing@cornwall.gov.uk)

#### Some Safety Tips

When you contact a company to book a vehicle (or even if you have already booked), ensure that you ask the following questions:

- 1 Are they licensed by the Local Authority or do they have a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operator's licence?
- 2 If licensed, which Local Authority licences them (so you can check)?
- 3 What is their Local Authority or PSV operator's licence number?
- 4 If they have a PSV operator's licence, what checks, if any, have they carried out on their drivers?
- 5 Are all their vehicles and drivers licensed (i.e. is the vehicle you're booking licensed)?

Just because an advertisement may look 'business like' and authentic, for example Yellow Pages, Local Press, Website, this does not mean that everything is safe – or legal.

Only if the vehicle has a PSV operator's licence or has been licensed by the Local Authority, can you be assured that it has been properly examined to make sure that it is safe to carry members of the public. The fact that it may have an MOT is no guarantee that it is safe for the carriage of passengers, including your child.

Another point to consider is that only if the driver has been vetted by the Local Authority can you be sure that they are considered "fit and proper" in terms of any criminal history and medical fitness, as the Local Authority will have had access to an enhanced level Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure and Group 2 medical report. This medical standard is required by DVLA for all vocational drivers (i.e. driving vehicles containing passengers).

#### Identification

If the company is properly licensed by a Local Authority, you should be able to be supplied with their licence number.

All licensed vehicles will have formal identity issued by a Local Authority or have a PSV operator's license disc which the driver should point out to you. This may not be a plate which is displayed on the exterior of the vehicle; it may be a notice which they must provide on request which exempts them from displaying the licence plate or driver badge.

If the driver has been licensed and vetted by the Local Authority, he/she will have an identity badge to show you or must provide the exemption notice as detailed above.

The Local Authority can only licence vehicles that can accommodate up to 8 passengers. Larger capacity vehicles are regulated as a Public Service Vehicle (PSV).

If you wish to check the validity of a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operator's licence, please contact the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) on:

Telephone: 0300 123 9000 or visit: [www.dft.gov.uk/vosa](http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa)



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### We've made it to the Final!

Congratulations to: Richard Lander Team 5 (Megan Wilson-Newbury, Rosie Buttle, Jessica Wright, Euan Wilkinson, Lucas Edwards and Calum Moore) who have been selected to attend the GSK Anti-Doping Challenge Grand Final on **Friday 11 May** at the Science Museum in London. Well done!

Only 6 teams are in the London final, selected from over 400 schools who requested test samples. The team now have to present their drug-testing kit to a distinguished group of judges – including Olympic athlete Kelly Sotherton, Director of the Games' Anti-Doping Laboratory, Professor David Cowan, and Chair of UK Anti-Doping, David Kenworthy.





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#### Year 10 University of Plymouth Maths Day

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 15 Year 10 students spent an exciting day at The University of Plymouth doing engaging mathematical activities and watching lectures from eminent lecturers and Professors.

The day was sectioned into 4 parts; the first was a statistical exercise collecting data, the second was looking at mechanics and how forces act upon us to change our centre of mass and balance; the highlight was 'balancing a body' where students worked together to find the centre of mass of a student. The third activity was a team challenge where students worked together to solve various problems and the final part of the day was a lecture on 'bubbles' and their applications and properties which relate to areas of architecture and nature.

After lunch the students were treated to a tour of the campus including the student union, accommodation areas and library.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and four of our students won mugs and books for coming first in the team challenge.

**Mrs S Hudson-Hayward and Mrs Elford**

The Plymouth University maths trip was a great success and I believe that everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. It was informative without being boring, so everyone got positively involved. I myself, found the trip to be packed with interesting facts that got everybody thinking. From statistics and puzzles, to bubbles; and even trying to balance a body, I would definitely do it again and urge anyone who enjoys maths to take part in this brilliant day out.

**Tom Moran**



There is an international 7-a-side rugby competition at Twickenham, on Saturday 12th May. If we can get a minimum of 40 students to go, I will arrange a trip for the day.

The price will be £36 for students, £56 for adults, including the ticket, if any of your parents are interested in going.

I still need 5 people to run the trip. If I don't have 40 people interested, I will not run the trip.

If you are interested let me know asap.

**Mr Burley**

# Family Fun Days for

Disabled children/children with additional needs and their immediate family

Wednesday 6th June

Launceston Community College

Thursday 7th June

Truro —Penair School

Friday 8th June

Penzance—Mounts Bay School

**£5**  
per family if  
pre booked.  
**£10 on the day**



Something for all From 11am—4pm

Bouncy castle

Sports

Arts and crafts

Bikes & Trikes

Music

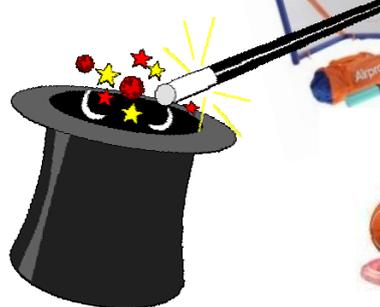
Dance

Magic Show

& lots more

Food outlet available or  
bring a picnic.

All weather venues



Launch of **NEW**  
Record of Disabled Children

## To Book

Please call the

Family Information Service on

**0800 587 8191 or**

**01872 323535**





# Dracaena Centre Ability Counts F.C.

Come along and join us!

Learning Difficulties and  
Physical/Sensory Disabilities

**Qualified Coaches**

Welcome and Safe

**Youth Sessions aged 8 to 16 Years**

**Wednesday 5pm until 6pm**

**Jamie Tresidder**

**07794492909**