

Richmond School



Press Release

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Leap into new technology

On Saturday 7th June 2008, Heather Bennett, the Print Room Technician at Richmond School, will be taking a leap into the unknown by carrying out a charity parachute jump.

What makes this jump unusual is that it will be filmed and the footage will be turned in to a podcast by staff at Richmond School. It will be used to explore the science of freefall and parachutes in science lessons.

The school has just embarked upon a school-wide podcasting project to make the best use of the portable technology available. The project is being led by David Bailey, Director of Science at the school.

Students will be able to download podcasts onto their ipods and other personal media players and use them to learn outside of the classroom.

The podcasting project, which coincides with the installation of £120,000 of new ICT equipment in the school, will support students learning both in lessons and outside of school.

This event will also begin the build up to the official launch of the school's exciting new specialism in Science and Maths. The podcasting project is one of a number of exciting e-learning projects that will be happening over the next three years funded from the additional money provided to the school by the new specialism.

Heather, who is also the mother of Alexander Bennett in Year 8 is putting the funds raised to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The school has twice had to make use of the air ambulance to air-lift students to hospital in recent months.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance relies solely on the generosity of individuals and sponsors to help save lives across the region. It needs to raise £6900 per day to keep its two helicopters and highly trained paramedics in the air. Each year they attend approximately 850 incidents requiring emergency air assistance.

To support this, the school will be having a free dress day on Friday 6th June. Donations can also be made at www.justgiving.com/heatherbennett.
