



This special edition of *The Weekly Word* has been compiled from 2021/22 issues.

Each week, Teresa Mpofu, Headteacher, with occasional contributions from other members of staff, trustees and students, writes the *First Word* on a topic concerning the school or broader educational issues.

## THE WEEKLY WORD: MOCK-UP

### FIRST WORD (Extract )

**T**his week was a very special week in the history of Lawrence Sheriff School. We believe it was the first time in history that we had four past and present Headteachers in attendance at a school event. It was my great pleasure to

serving Headteacher in the school's history and all of those who had the pleasure of working with him will know and understand the profound impact his leadership had on the distinct and special culture of the school. You will not be



surprised to read that Dr Kent's portrait breaks the mould by being slightly less formal, and in the background a Liverpool FC calendar can be seen!

welcome Mr Geoff Martindale (Headmaster, 1980-1985), Dr Rex Pogson (Headmaster, 1985-1998), and Dr Peter Kent (Headmaster, 1999-2021) back into school.

Culture and the 'way we do things around here' is quite rightly recognised as an important aspect of why successful schools are successful. This week we were able to celebrate the influence of those who have helped shaped the culture at Lawrence Sheriff School as well as highlight aspects of our school culture that we hold dear to us.

We started by unveiling Dr Kent's portrait and it now joins those of previous Headteachers in Big School. Dr Kent is the longest

Over the last few years we have been impacted by the loss of several teachers and governors who had previously been involved with the school. We wanted to create a living tribute to remember them and all the other individuals who have had an impact on the school's culture throughout its long history.

Mr Martindale dedicated our tribute garden and unveiled the plaque which contains these words:

*'This is a living tribute to all those who have shaped the culture of Lawrence Sheriff.'*

*Amongst those in our thoughts are:*

*Gareth Redd, Rowley Davis, Geoff Moore, John Essam, John Duffy and Colin Parker.'*

### Quotes from First Words

**Last week's Ofsted inspection brought home the fact that the key to success in any organisation is team work**

**Yes, there is an educational element to all of Enrichment whether it is about developing strategy or skills, but it is also about the sheer enjoyment of doing something just for fun, whether alone or in company**

**Sustainability is important and it is wonderful to see technology being used to this effect, with a range of features that mean the building will be energy efficient**

**I have no doubt that the success of our students in assessments is one of the many reasons why you chose to send your child to Sheriff**

**When consulting with parents, I am open to listening to opinions, to reflecting on feedback and to having my mind changed**

**A happy school creates an environment where all people can be heard**



Fred Bennett's 'Don't Look Down' Fund

## 'Junior Wolf Run'

### In memory of Fred Bennett

A team of 17 Lawrence Sheriff students will be partaking in the 'Junior Wolf Run' on

# WOLF RUN

**Sunday 24th April**

in order to raise money for the 'Don't Look Down' fund.

If anyone would like to sponsor/donate then please feel free to do so via the link below.

[Arthur Bennett is fundraising for CCLG \(justgiving.com\)](https://justgiving.com/ArthurBennett)

On the 18th March, year 7 went to the Mcreeady theatre representing Lawrence Sheriff school. It was a great experience for the students and also was an excellent play called 'Josephine'. The play was also educational, as it taught us what history was actually like and the difficulties faced by people of colour in the 1900s. Students said that it was an enjoyable experience and everyone in the theatre enjoyed it.

The plot was effective and easy to follow, yet it was interesting and fun, with fantastic performances from the three actors throughout.

Learning about the complex and trailblazing life of Josephine Baker was both humorous and emotive in parts - I would highly recommend it to everyone.

Overall it was a great evening for all the pupils and staff involved.

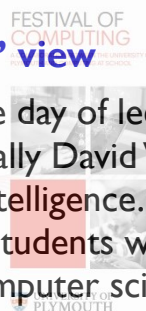
**Cormac McGuigan, 7T**

### Plymouth Festival of Computing 3rd March 2022

The University of Plymouth holds an annual festival of computing with Computing at School. Though this year, it was both held virtually and in person. It is aimed at year 12 students. From LSS, around half of our year 12 computing class attended virtually. It covered a range of topics such as diversity, artificial intelligence, and careers, throughout the day.

#### Students' view

I thoroughly enjoyed the day of lectures and presentations, specifically David Walker's lecture on artificial intelligence. I would recommend this to any students who are interested in studying computer science at university.



#### The LSS Eco Code



**Respect** the environment



**Reduce** your impact on the planet



**Reuse** and recycle where you can



**Repeat** your actions, make your behaviour a habit



## THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

The countdown is on.... we are pleased to announce the return of **The Griffin Gazette**. A totally student led endeavour. More details to follow.



We are in need of any old uniform, **especially PE kit**, for our second hand uniform store.

If you have any PE kit or uniform you no longer require, and you would like to donate it, please would you drop into the Front Office.

Thank you

**School Office Team**