



THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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Partnership Plus
Working together to innovate
Teaching and Learning

For some years Lawrence Sheriff School has held a conference at Warwick University for members of its **Partnership Plus** network of schools on a Friday evening and Saturday morning. The group of schools in **Partnership Plus** hold a series of events during the year focusing upon significant issues within teaching and learning, with the weekend conference providing an opportunity for

more focused learning and discussion. The latest of these conferences took place last weekend.

I must admit to particularly enjoying the Friday evening keynote from David Didau, which focused on ways to support all students, particularly those in more disadvantaged circumstances. He focused upon the nature of intelligence and the ways in which IQ scores were and were not helpful in understanding the potential of individual students. David also showed a refreshing willingness to question existing orthodoxies in education, alongside a determination to draw out the potential that exists in every student. Unusually for me I was so struck by his ideas that I bought a copy of his book *Making Kids Cleverer: A manifesto for closing the advantage gap* (I attend lots of educational events and they rarely inspire me to read anything afterwards!) David's blog, including a number of interesting and sometimes controversial articles can be found at <https://learningspy.co.uk/blog>.

The Saturday contained a series of workshops led by teachers across Coventry and Warwickshire. I attended a thought-provoking seminar on how to help students achieve their maximum potential, before moving on to a second workshop on being 'unconditionally positive' (not sure I agreed entirely with the concept but I welcomed the chance to think through my response to the idea).

The strength of the weekend was in the opportunity it provided to hear new ideas, discuss with colleagues, be challenged and to just spend time thinking about teaching and learning. The chance to stop and to think was extremely valuable and I know that everyone who attended (including both members of staff and governors from Lawrence Sheriff) took a great deal from it.

Many thanks to **Ms Temple** and **Mrs Beardshaw**, who invested a huge amount of time organising the conference.

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Wednesday 20 March 2019

School will be **closed** to students

YEAR 11 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Booking for the Year 11 parent consultation evening, taking place on:

Thursday 28th March,

will be opened on:

Insight at 9am on Tuesday 12th March

and will remain open for one week.

Any additional appointments requested by staff will then be added and final schedules will be emailed out by:

Friday 22nd March

If you experience any problems using **Insight**, please email:

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HEAD OF MATHEMATICS

Required from September 2019

Full Time

Main Pay Scale/Upper Pay Scale + TLR1a (£7,854.48)

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We are looking to recruit a highly qualified and enthusiastic teacher to lead the Mathematics department and to teach mathematics up to A-Level standard. The Mathematics department is situated in the purpose built Learning Resources Centre. It runs very popular and successful courses throughout the school up to Further Mathematics A-Level.

The successful individual will be an inspirational and innovative teacher and a leader with a passion and desire to achieve outstanding results and build on the current success of the department. They will be a person who wishes to make use of this fantastic opportunity to further their career within an outstanding school where Mathematics has a strong profile.

The role will include developing and communicating a clear vision, and providing leadership and management within the subject area. Our students enjoy the challenge of enquiry and have high levels of reasoning skills.

This is a fantastic opportunity to further your career within an outstanding school. We welcome applications from both experienced and aspiring middle leaders who are looking for an opportunity to lead a thriving department. Lawrence Sheriff School is committed to the professional development of its entire staff with varied and interesting opportunities provided for the enhancement of professional skills.

We are currently bidding for a regional specialist Mathematics Sixth Form and the successful candidates will work with us on the development of this pioneering project.

For further information please contact Michaela Pazderkova or Debbie Brannan, Personnel.

Tel: 01788 542074, Fax: 01788 567962, E-mail: recruitment@lawrencesherrifschool.com

To download an application pack please visit our website: www.lawrencesherrifschool.net. To apply please complete and return the job application and equality details forms to Michaela Pazderkova or Debbie Brannan at recruitment@lawrencesherrifschool.com, along with a letter of application. Please do not submit CVs, as only the job application form will be considered.

Closing date for applications: 09.00 am on Monday 18th March 2019

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HEAD OF HISTORY

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We are seeking an inspirational teacher and dynamic leader to head up one of the most popular departments in the school during the next stage of its development.

The successful candidate will have first class leadership skills and a thorough understanding of key issues in running a large curriculum area, whilst also being committed to students achieving their full potential through excellence in teaching and learning. You will be a History practitioner with excellent ICT skills and the ability to teach KS3, GCSE, AS and A level History.

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The successful applicant will be expected to teach History throughout the school, including the sixth form.

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TABLE TENNIS



Lunchtime Sessions:

Wednesday: year seven club members only (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Friday: club and school team members only (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Club Sessions:

Wednesday 6.30 pm—9.00 pm (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Sunday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm (Hill Street Community Centre)

Try them out - first two are free!

See the website for more info:

www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET

Shopping online?

Access your favourite retailer via:

[http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/lawrencesherriffschoolpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencesherriffschoolpta)

and the school gets a commission!

Lawrence Sheriff School
— Presents —

A Midsummer Night's Dream

— April 2019 —



monday 8th

wednesday 10th

thursday 11th

friday 12th

19:00 in the Griffin Centre Studio

———— tickets available from the school office £10pp ————

Work on the Sir Frank Whittle Roundabout A426/Lutterworth junction.

We are writing to update you regards the above road works situation.

The night time closures commenced on Wednesday 27th February 2019 and will remain in place for approximately 5 months (weather permitting). The closures are from 8:00 pm to 05:00 am Monday to Friday (therefore finishing Saturday morning).

We have made good progress during the past 3 days and are on schedule.

During this time access to the properties along the A426 will be via the A5 junction at Gibbet Hill Roundabout or Swinford Road. Please find details of the diversionary routes as an attachment.

The purpose of this closure is to enhance traffic flow at this junction with a filter lane on all of the approaches to the roundabout, this should in turn ease a lot of the traffic congestion.

We will also be installing a pedestrian crossing and improving the lighting around this area.

There may be some noise while these works are going on and we will be using all available methods to keep this to a minimum.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused during this time.

Any questions, please feel free to contact our Public Liaison Manager Tony by email at magna.park@volkerwessels.co.uk

Bake Off 2019!

This years' theme is "20 Years"

Design a cake or cakes to celebrate:

Dr Kent's 20 Years as Head of Lawrence Sheriff School!

Up to 10 contestants to compete in each finals day for the first prize

Depending on the number of entrants the finals will be held over one or two days

Dates of Final:

Day 1: Friday 10th May 2019

Day 2: Friday 17th May 2019

Entry Closing Date: Friday 12th April 2019

To enter contact Mr Sutcliffe or Karen in the kitchen by the above closing date