



# THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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My colleagues at school have become wearily familiar with my interest in educational data. To those who think it strange that an English teacher is so interested in statistics, I always say that data, properly used, is an excellent way of telling the story of a school.

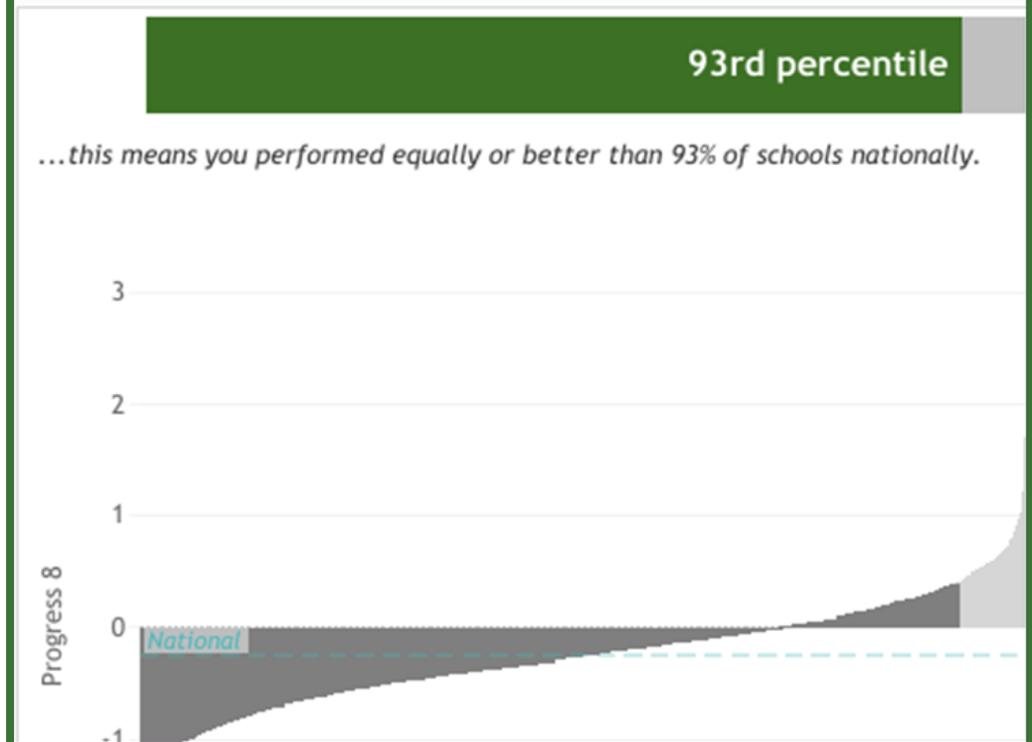
If one is to accurately tell this story, it is always important to use appropriate data. Too often educational data fails to compare like with like and in effect compares apples with pears. At a national level sloppy policy decisions are frequently taken on the basis of half understood graphs and tables which do not stand up to closer scrutiny.

Using this principle of comparing like with like, I was interested to see a recent statistical release from the Department of Education which provided some national data on the performance of boys.

The figures are broadly gloomy on a national scale, since on average boys have a negative progress score of a quarter of a grade. However, the national data release also illustrates the strength of the progress made by boys at Lawrence Sheriff:

Attainment can be expected to be higher at a grammar school. However, everyone starts from the same place in calculating progress, since it takes account of each pupil's starting point when they enter the school. As can be seen from the chart above, when the progress of boys at LSS is compared to the progress of all boys nationally, they are ranked in the top 7%. Hence even though they are expected to achieve remarkably high grades, students still make progress that is higher than 93% of boys nationally. **Peter Kent**

## COMPARED TO ENGLAND...



**TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Wednesday 20 March 2019**

School will be **closed** to students



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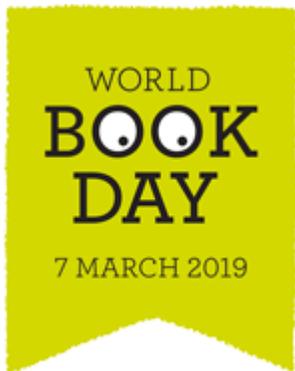
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is an international celebration of books and the joy of reading.

At Lawrence Sheriff School, we work hard to encourage students to read widely and regularly.

The importance of reading cannot be emphasised enough in terms of improving academic achievement. Reading not only helps students to achieve, but enables them to empathise with situations they may not encounter in their everyday lives.

For World Book Day 2019, students and staff were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character in order to celebrate the joy of reading and start conversations about all the great books that we have read or could read!



And some of the staff dressed up too!



## 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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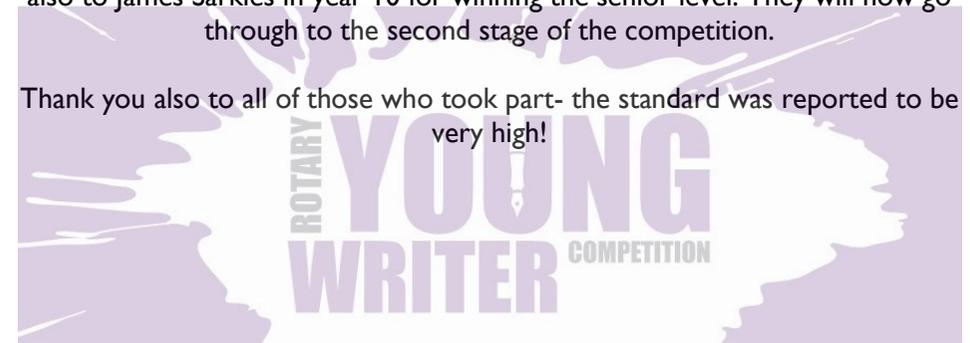
**Teresa Mpofo, Deputy Headteacher**

## *Rotary Young Writers Competition*

We are delighted to announce that for the second year running, two students from Lawrence Sheriff School have won the local heat stage of this popular writing competition.

Well done to Anthony Agranovsky in year 7 for winning the intermediate level and also to James Sarkies in year 10 for winning the senior level. They will now go through to the second stage of the competition.

Thank you also to all of those who took part- the standard was reported to be very high!



**The English Department**

## Lawrence Sheriff School

A National Teaching School

Clifton Road, Rugby, CV21 3AG

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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.

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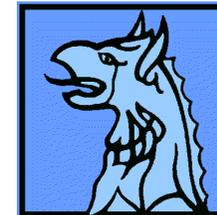
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## HEAD OF HISTORY

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**Full Time**

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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.

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 where History has a strong profile. We welcome applications from both aspiring and experienced middle leaders. 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.

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

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*Lawrence Sheriff School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check.*

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# SEN TEACHING ASSISTANT – NVQ Level 2

**Required from April 2019**

**37 hours per week – Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm, term-time plus training days**

**Salary Scale: Grade D (Points 4-5): £15,711.02 – £16,025.65 pro-rata, (£18,426 – £18,795 FTE) with possible progression to Grade E (Points 5-6): £16,025.65 – £16,346.25 pro-rata, (£18,795 – £19,171 FTE)**

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In 2013 Ofsted stated 'the school is a harmonious community where students with different needs can thrive, achieve highly in their academic work and enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities.' In January 2011 the school was placed top of DfE performance tables for GCSE (having first achieved this distinction in 2008). We are proud that our students have very positive attitudes to learning.

We are looking to appoint an experienced Level 2 Teaching Assistant to support specific students with SEND for example ASD and anxiety, in order to facilitate their access to the curriculum and maximise their independence.

The successful applicant must have the ability to establish effective relationships with children, young people and teaching staff.

Being an effective communicator is critical due to the needs of students and therefore excellent written and spoken English is essential. You must be highly organised, with good time management skills and be IT literate. A knowledge and understanding of ASD and its impact on students' learning is essential.

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# LEADERSHIP LIVE ASSISTANT

**Required from April 2019**

**Salary Scale:** Grade E (Points 5-6): £1,732.50 – £1,767.16 and up to £12,997.02 – £13,253.72 pro-rata, (£18,795 – £19,171 FTE)

**Hours of work:** A minimum of 4 hours per week, spread equally across 3 or more days, flexing up to 30 hours per week on occasions – Monday to Friday, flexible hours, term-time only plus training days

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We are looking to appoint a highly organised individual and a competent administrator to manage and administer the final assessment process for teachers who are completing professional qualifications. This is a new post within the school.

The successful candidate must be an effective communicator and therefore excellent written and spoken English is essential. They must be highly organised, with good time management skills, strong attention to detail and be IT literate. They must be able to work on their own initiative and have the ability to prioritise their workload. Having the flexibility to respond to fluctuations in the amount of work required is critical.

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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](http://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 —



Bilton School, Lawford Lane, is pleased to  
present star gazing with  
Rugby & District Astronomy Society.

20th March 2019 (the day before a full moon)  
Arrive 7 –7.30pm till 8.30pm, at the Sports Hall  
entrance.

The PTA will be putting on hot drinks and  
something to snack on.

All under 18's must be accompanied by an  
adult.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.**