



THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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We are at the point in the school year where choices are playing a prominent part in everyone's thinking. Year 8 and Year 9 will have to make some decisions about subjects for next year, Year 11 are holding discussions with sixth form pastoral staff about the subjects that they have asked to study next year and members of Year 13 are seeking to gain the grades required to progress on to their chosen universities.

In the face of all this, I thought that I would make two points about the choices that students and their families now face. The first one is that choice is a fact of life, but it is sometimes a difficult one to accept. There is always the temptation, when faced with a choice between A, B and C, to say that one does not want any of them and that D would be preferable. Whilst that might seem initially attractive, it is also unrealistic. Throughout life we make choices in our professional and personal lives. An education which suggests that this element of choice can either be avoided or subverted is not a helpful preparation for the future. Within Lawrence Sheriff we try to offer as broad a choice as possible and our curriculum is designed to be personalised to adapt to the individual needs of students. However, some choice is still inevitable.

The second point follows on from this. The choices that we offer at Lawrence Sheriff are based upon our long experience of what higher education institutions are actually looking for (I emphasise higher education, because this is what over 95% of our students progress on to). A good example comes from modern languages. We think it is highly desirable to take a modern language up to GCSE, partly because we think that it is a crucial part of any student's education and also because we know that employers and universities give priority to students with these qualifications. Similarly, our advice about a wide range of other subject choices reflects our long and successful experience in supporting students on the route to employment or the next stage in their education.

Thirdly, there continues to be a value in taking the English Baccalaureate combination of subjects (English, mathematics, sciences, a foreign language and history or geography). In this way students have maximum choice in the future because their options have not been inappropriately narrowed at an early stage in their school career. For this reason, our options are structured in such a way that every student is able to achieve the English Baccalaureate.

Despite the complexity of the issues that we face, it is worth emphasising that the breadth of our personalised curriculum enables every student to pursue a programme of study that caters for their individual needs. Our focus continues to be on breadth and depth throughout the time that students spend in the school. **Peter Kent**

HALF DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Governors have decided to grant a special half day holiday in order to celebrate Dr Kent's 20th anniversary as Headteacher of Lawrence Sheriff School

The school will therefore **close early** on **Friday 12 April 2019**, with students being released on a rolling basis from **12 noon**

Please note: School buses will be running at **normal** times.

If any parent wishes their son/daughter to remain in school until 3.30 pm on that afternoon, they must notify :

Mrs Morgan (Office Manager) in writing by: midday on 1 April 2019

Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

Bookings for the Year 8 parent Consultation evening, taking place on:

Thursday 2nd May 2019

will open on **Tuesday 2nd April** via Insight.

It will remain open for 1 week before any additional appointments requested by staff are made within school.

Final schedules will be emailed out by Friday 12th April.

If you require any assistance using Insight please email lssinsight@lawrencesherrifschool.com

Thank you

CHANGE OF DATE FOR EASTER CONCERT

Owing to the heating renovations in Big School the date of our **Easter Concert** has been moved to:

**Tuesday 7th May 2019
7.00 pm
Big School**

Tickets are available from the school office priced at £5 (£3 concessions).

Thank you

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



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

Lawrence Sheriff School

A National Teaching School

Clifton Road, Rugby, CV21 3AG

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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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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 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.

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

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

To download an application pack please visit our website: www.lawrencesheriffschool.net. Please do not submit CVs, as only the job application form will be considered.

To apply please complete and return the job application and equality details forms to Michaela Pazderkova or Debbie Brannan at recruitment@lawrencesheriffschool.com, along with a letter of application.

Closing date for applications: 09.00 am on Monday 1st April 2019

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TEACHER OF HISTORY

Required from September 2019

Full Time

Main Pay Scale/Upper Pay Scale

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We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher of History to start in September 2019. The successful candidate will join a strong, highly motivated and successful department.

The successful individual will be an inspirational and innovative teacher and will be expected to teach History throughout the school, including the sixth form.

This is a very special opportunity to further your career within an outstanding school where History has a strong profile. Lawrence Sheriff School is committed to the professional development of its entire staff through varied and interesting opportunities to enhance their practice. Whether an NQT or more experienced, you will play a key role in building on current success.

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SECOND IN MATHEMATICS

Required from September 2019

Full Time

Main Pay Scale/Upper Pay Scale + TLR2b (£4,519.95)

‘The values on which all of the school’s work is based are very clear. You believe that students should be happy at the school’ (Ofsted, 2013).

Lawrence Sheriff School is an outstanding boys’ grammar school of approximately 930 students, over 300 of whom are in the sixth form. We believe that much of our success - including our consistently high Ofsted grading and our high rankings in DFE performance tables - can be directly linked to our emphasis upon LSS being a happy place to work for both pupils and staff. The 2013 Ofsted report goes on to say that ‘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.’ These comments sum up the distinctive ethos and values of the school.

We are looking to recruit a highly qualified and enthusiastic teacher to assist the Head of Mathematics with the leadership and management of a highly successful subject at Lawrence Sheriff School and to teach mathematics up to A-Level standard. We welcome applications from both experienced and aspiring middle leaders who are looking for an opportunity to lead a thriving department.

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 with a passion and desire to achieve outstanding results and build on the current success of the department. You will wish to make use of this fantastic opportunity to further your career within an outstanding school where Mathematics has a strong profile.

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

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Closing date for applications: 09.00 am on Wednesday 3rd April 2019

We are mailing to advise you of some upcoming roadworks that are going to commence on the A5 southbound and northbound at Magna Park to facilitate widening of the A5 and a new roundabout for additional access to Magna Park. These works are due to start on the 6th April and are forecast for completion Winter of 2019.

The works will start with a 2 full carriageway closure on the 6th and 7th April from 8pm to 5am on each day. Whilst these closures are in place there will be signed diversions for both local and motorway traffic. We will be closing the A5 from the Cross in Hand roundabout to the Highcross Junction with access for residents to Woodway Lane.

These closures are necessary to put the carriageway into narrow lanes and reduce the speed limit down to 40mph. Once the carriageway is into narrow lanes we will be installing some temporary barriers along the side of the road to protect the travelling public from the works to be carried out and to protect the workforce from the traffic. During this time we will be running a Free Breakdown Recovery Service along this stretch of road to get the stricken vehicle and its occupants to safety as soon as possible. We will also be closing the turn into the village of Willey for the duration of the works for safety.

We will be doing the main works in 3 phases the first phase starting on the 6th April for approximately 18 weeks, the second phase is due to last for approximately 7 weeks and phase 3 is expected to last for approximately 3 weeks.

If you have any other concerns or questions then please feel free to contact our Public Liaison Manager Tony by email at: **Magna.park@volkerwessels.co.uk**

Shopping online?

Access your favourite retailer via:

<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 ————