

THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from the Headteacher, Peter Kent

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all *The Weekly Word* readers. I hope that you had a restful Christmas break and that you feel refreshed as we start the new term.

I thought that it would be useful to use my first article to identify some of the obvious priorities for Spring Term 2018:

1. Making best use of the coming term. Spring term is always a very intense period, packed with a range of examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13, various parental consultations and a whole host of school activities. For this reason, it always feels like a sprint trying to fit everything into the term.

In response to this, I would once again repeat my plea to parents not to take their children out of school under any circumstances. We have a week at half-term and two weeks during Easter when holidays can be taken. Regardless of the context, any time missed over the coming term will have a damaging impact.

2. Making progress with our continuing plans for the school. Over the past ten years, the governors have spent well over £6 million on the school. Despite this huge investment, they continue to seek opportunities to invest in the infrastructure of the school and will be looking to move several projects forward over the coming months. There is no doubt that the learning environment does matter and that it makes a significant contribution to the quality of education that a school is able to provide.
3. Offering a wide range of educational opportunities to our students. At the most recent meeting of the Governing Body, we were struck by the wide range of educational trips that were taking place. Even in such a short and intensive term, my colleagues have shown a willingness to go the extra mile (literally and metaphorically) in order to offer students a broad and varied range of educational experiences. Whether it is ski trips, trips to European capitals, Duke of Edinburgh Award activities or World Challenge Expeditions, my colleagues are offering students a wonderful range of broader opportunities alongside what takes place in lessons.

Overall, it will be an exciting and interesting term, but one which is likely to move very quickly. Please make use of the website and, of course, *The Weekly Word*, to ensure that you do not miss all that is happening over the coming months. **Peter Kent**

TERM DATES – 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Monday 3 September 2018	Training Day
Tuesday 4 September 2018	Term starts for Years 7 and 12
Wednesday 5 September 2018	Term starts for other year groups
Thursday 11 October 2018	Training Day
Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018	Half Term
Friday 30 November 2018	Training Day
Friday 21 December 2018	Term Ends

Spring Term

Monday 7 January 2019	Training Day
Tuesday 8 January 2019	Term Starts
Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019	Half Term
Friday 12 April 2019	Term Ends

Summer Term

Monday 29 April 2019	Term Starts
Monday 6 May 2019	Public Holiday
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019	Half Term
Friday 19 July 2019	Term ends
Monday 22 July 2019	Training Day

PLEASE NOTE: These dates may be subject to change.

Admissions Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Code (2014), the Governors of Lawrence Sheriff School are consulting on their draft Admissions Policy for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. The consultation period runs from midday on Monday 18 December 2017 to midday on Monday 29 January 2018. Anyone wishing to comment on the draft document should write to Mrs Beardshaw, Clerk to the Governors, Lawrence Sheriff School, Clifton Road, Rugby, CV21 3AG or by email to gillian.beardshaw@lawrencesheriffschool.com by the deadline of midday on 29 January 2018.

A copy of the consultation document will be available on the school website during the consultation period at www.lawrencesheriffschool.com under Parents and Students/Key Information/School Policies or a hard copy can be supplied on request to Mrs Beardshaw, Clerk to the Governors.

Thank you



TABLE TENNIS



Lunchtime Sessions

Wednesday: year seven club members only
Friday: club and school team members only

6.50 pm – 8.20 pm

Tuesday: Two-a-side League (Includes beginners' division)

Club Sessions: Try them out - first two are free!

Wednesday 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

See the website for more info: www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET

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Access your favourite retailer via:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencesheriffschoolpta>

and the school gets a commission!