

THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Paul Abbis, former Head of Chemistry

John Hird

1935 - 2018

John Hird joined the school in 1963 as Head of Woodwork and retired in 1994. So he was one of several teachers of his generation who served LSS for over 30 years. Students always knew what was expected of them by Mr Hird – they knew where they stood with him. Add to this a good sense of humour and it is not surprising that he was a very popular teacher.

He was an excellent craftsman in wood, there are several fine pieces of furniture around the town as evidence. He tried to pass on this respect for the raw material. “Don’t maul that piece of pine lad – it does not grow on trees you know!” As he came to retirement whilst Head of Craft, Design and Technology he was not happy with the large shift of emphasis from craft to design.

He contributed to the school in many ways apart from his teaching. He coached school teams in cricket and hockey. He was a cultured and stylish batsman himself, playing for many years for Rugby Cricket Club and had played for Yorkshire Seconds. Hockey tours to Holland were undertaken by minibus with Mr Hird as team manager and one of the drivers.

Members of school drama productions were grateful for his great help in building stage sets. He took pupils on many outdoor activity trips, hiking in Snowdonia. At the time, the school owned a caravan in North Wales on which he did a great deal of maintenance. He was Head of Simpson House. He even stepped in and took groups of students to continue their weekly practice at sailing.

Not surprisingly OLs from John’s era remember him easily and many with reason to be personally grateful for all his efforts. The death of another long serving LSS teacher was reported recently – John Essam had been one of John Hird’s pupils and subsequently became a good friend.

Paul Abbis

Billie Green

We were very sorry at half-term to say farewell to Billie, following her retirement after twelve and a half years at the school.

Billie has been a very popular member of staff. Always friendly and approachable, her work in the classroom and with her tutor group has been hugely valued by students at Lawrence Sheriff throughout her time with us. We will all miss her sense of humour, enthusiasm, willingness to go the extra mile to help others and commitment to doing the very best for her students.

Billie has embodied all that is best about the school and we all send her our very best wishes.

I would like to wish Billie a very happy retirement and to thank her for the huge amount that she has given to LSS.

Peter Kent



The Student Finance England full-time undergraduate application service for 2018/19 is now open.

New students should apply online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance. You do NOT apply this year if you have made a deferred entry application.

The deadline for submitting applications is 25 May.

Follow these three easy steps to make sure you get your money in time for the start of your course:

1. Visit the Student Finance England student finance zone

Before applying look at the range of SFE resources on our student finance zone – www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance – to find out what you can get and how to apply.

2. Register online

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

3. Fill in the application

You don't need a confirmed place at university. Use your preferred choice of course and simply update the details online if necessary once you have your unconditional offer.



Are you in a band? Do you have a favourite local band that you would love to see play? Then we need to hear from you.

This year The Lawrence Sheriff PA is focussing its attention on raising funds for much needed lighting and sound rig for Big School. What better way to do this than with some awesome nights of music.

We are planning to put on a Gig at the end of April, with a view to running a series of similar events - so if you think your band is up for showcasing your talents, or you know exactly who we need onstage - we would like to hear from you.

You may even want to help with organising and promoting the event.

Please email Tabitha Droy via the Parents ~Association team at:

parents@lawrencesheriffschool.com



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TEACHER OF PHYSICS

MPS/UPS

Full time

Required for September 2018

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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 an enthusiastic and dedicated Teacher of Physics to teach at all levels within the school and supporting the further development of outstanding teaching and learning within the Science Faculty. The successful individual will be an inspirational and innovative teacher who wishes to make use of a fantastic opportunity to further their career within an outstanding school.

Lawrence Sheriff School is committed to the professional development of its entire staff through varied and interesting opportunities to enhance their practice.

For the application pack please visit the school website under 'Vacancies/Downloads'. To apply, please complete and return the job application and equality details forms by e-mail.

Please do not submit CVs, as only the job application form [will be considered](#).

Closing date for applications: Midday on Tuesday 6th March 2018

Contact: Mrs Tracey Howcroft / Mrs Debbie Brannan

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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 Criminal Records check.

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We are looking to recruit a motivated, highly qualified teacher 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 who wishes to make use of a fantastic opportunity to further their career within an outstanding school where Mathematics has a high profile. This is a very special opportunity to further your career within an outstanding school and Lawrence Sheriff School is committed to the professional development of its entire staff through varied and interesting opportunities to enhance their practice.

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