

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## First Word ... from the Headteacher, Peter Kent

'LSS is about so much more than exam results'. I often use this sentence when describing the school to new parents and this term illustrates the truth of that comment. Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, awards presentations attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, a Ski Trip over half-term, a trip to Paris, a splendid Spring Term concert focusing upon '20<sup>th</sup> Century Titans', sporting fixtures, visits to Birmingham Library and the Symphony Hall, debates... the list could go on and on. What particularly strikes me about all of this is that we are only able to offer these opportunities to students because my colleagues voluntarily give up so much of their own time. On behalf of us all, I would like to pass on a huge thank you to them for being willing to go the extra mile (literally and metaphorically) so that students can take away as much as possible from their time at LSS.

Having crammed so much in, I think that we are now all ready for a break. However, for students in Years 11, 12 and 13, Easter should be the point at which very serious preparation begins for public examinations. Boys are not known for their ability to manage their time. Many seem to work on the basis that they will put off revision until what they perceive to be the last possible moment, despite the best attempts of parents and teachers to promote a more measured approach. Soon after we return from the Easter break, students in Year 11 and 12 will find themselves starting public examinations, with Year 13 students following close behind. In these circumstances, deciding to start revision after Easter would be a terrible mistake. It is crucially important that students take every chance over the coming weeks to maximise their potential grades. Students in Year 11 should be spending a couple of hours each day revising, whilst members of the sixth form should be doing considerably more.

I would like to wish everyone in the school community a restful and enjoyable Easter break. **Peter Kent**



## (Anti) Social Media Conference

On the 16th March six Year 9 students Vadims Belkovics, Johnny White, Seth Ramsey, Eren Sencan, Samraj Babra and Henryk Tigbe represented the school at the Warwickshire's 3rd Child Sexual Exploitation Conference at the Dunchurch Park Hotel. The conference focused on the positive and negative aspects of Social Media exploring the nasty and nice side of digital citizenship. The event was backed by Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Youth Justice Service, Barnado's and was run by the Respect Yourself Team.

The day comprised of a series of workshops that focused on online safety with the guest speaker being Professor Andy Phippen Professor of Social Responsibility in IT at the University of Plymouth. All of the students that took part in the conference made a substantive contribution to the debates with Seth Ramsey being awarded a prize for his contribution. Vadims Belkovics said of the event:

'The conference was an inspiring venture showing how modern-day society is trying to keep children safe in the twenty-first century. There were many great ideas made by the hosts but not as many as were made by the students. The overall conference was amazing and if I had the chance to go again, I would take it in a heartbeat'.

With the negative aspects of online safety being prevalent in the local and national press the following link is a good link for parents wishing to support their children in being safe online:

<https://www.vpnmentor.com/blog/the-ultimate-parent-guide-for-child-internet/>

**Mike Hickling, Assistant Headteacher**

## Year 8 Parent consultation evening

The booking system for Year 8 parent consultation evening will open Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and remain open until the end of day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

When you login to Insight the appointment page will open automatically.

<https://gate.we-learn.org.uk/tasc/LSS/secure.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2ftasc%2fiss%2fsecure.aspx%3f>

If you require notification of your login details please email:

[Issinsight@lawrencesherriffschool.com](mailto:Issinsight@lawrencesherriffschool.com)

The teachers available to you will show on the right hand side with time slots, and your schedule will be on the left hand side. You simply click on a time slot and your appointment will transfer to your schedule. You can remove an appointment if you need to change it.

The screenshot shows a web interface for booking appointments. On the left, there is a list of time slots: 17:00, 17:15, and 17:30. On the right, under the heading 'Available bookings', there is a table with three rows. Each row has a box for 'Teacher name and subject' and a list of time slots: 17:00 17:15 17:30 17:45 18:00 18:15 18:30 18:45 19:00 19:15 19:30 19:45 20:00 20:15 20:30 20:45 21:00 21:15.

As some teachers teach more than one class, there will not be enough appointments for every parent to see every teacher; we have therefore limited the total number of bookings a parent can make to seven. This will ensure that all parents can see a cross section of their son's teachers. Once the booking has been closed, we may then add appointments for some parents e.g. the Head of Year or Pastoral dept. may wish to add appointments to your schedule. Once this has been finalised in school we will email you to say that booking has been finalised and you can either print off your schedule using the download button in the top right hand side of the page or bring a mobile device with Insight available to the parents evening (this would require your device to have 4G accessibility as you would not be able to access the school network).

This system is now used very successfully in many schools in Warwickshire but if there are teething problems please email the Issinsight email address above.

Mrs Teresa Mpfu  
Deputy head



## 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](http://www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET)

## Homework in Computer rooms

Before school – Room 67 (sixth form centre from 8am until 8.45am)

Break and lunchtimes – Room 19

After school – Room 67 (sixth form centre from 3.30pm until 5.00pm)

Students will need to sign in on the sheet in the room for computer use.

## Shopping online?

Access your favourite retailer via:

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

and the school gets a commission!



**LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL**  
A National Teaching School  
**RUGBY**

**TEACHER OF BIOLOGY**  
**MPS/UPS**  
**Full time**  
**Required for September 2018**

'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 a boys' grammar school of approximately 900 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 an enthusiastic and dedicated Teacher of Biology to teach science at KS3 and Biology at KS4. There is likely to be a substantial amount of KS5 Biology teaching, as the sciences are some of the most popular subjects in the school. The Biology Department is a friendly and supportive environment in which to work and develop as a teacher.

The appointed candidates will have the opportunity to play a key role in helping promote and enable students to become effective, enthusiastic and independent learners.

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.

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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Contact: Mrs Tracey Howcroft, / Mrs Debbie Brannan  
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School Website: [www.lawrencesherrifschool.net](http://www.lawrencesherrifschool.net)  
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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.  
For further information on 'keeping children safe in education', please visit:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>*

## Eco Day goes Bird Box Mad!



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, twenty three Year 8's ventured into the workshop to make bird boxes for the school's Eco project introduced by Miss Quartly-Watson. The students worked hard throughout the entire day to achieve the original goal of 40 bird boxes. They worked so hard that they surpassed the original goal by making 61 bird boxes and 5 bee nests averaging one box every five minutes. Daniel Agranovsky said:

'It was a new experience that I found very fun and interesting. I didn't think we'd make 66 though!'

Each student took home their own bird box and the remaining boxes will be distributed amongst staff members, the school site as well as some to Clifton Primary School for their Eco project. Nishanth Selvarasa said about the day:

'The day was amazing. We had plenty of fun and learnt a lot. We also got the chance to not only help nature and the school's Eco project but also learn a lot of brand new skills.'

I would like to thank all of the boys for their amazing contribution as well as the staff involved including Mrs MacDonnell, Mr Pattison, Mrs Birch and Mr Brosnahan. I would also like to thank Melbros Building Supplies for providing the wood and hardware for the project.

Any pictures of the bird boxes installed in gardens or, even better, pictures of birds nesting in the boxes would be greatly appreciated as evidence of our Eco project work.

**Mike Hickling, Assistant Headteacher**

# Whitehall Recreation Ground

## 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Detailed Design Consultation

Following an initial consultation carried out during the spring/summer of 2017 Rugby Borough Council has produced a masterplan of the proposed phased improvements at this key open space. New footpaths are proposed to improve access as part of future phases, and the characteristic large open areas will be retained. Additional funding has now been secured from The Landfill Communities Fund by a grant from The Veolia Environmental Trust for the new play area, and a detailed plan of the proposed play facility is shown below. Installing a destination skate / BMX / scooter facility is also part of the first phase of this regeneration.



**LEGEND**

- Existing trees
- Existing vegetation
- Existing hedge
- Existing trees to be removed
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- Proposed tree planting
- Proposed hedge planting
- Proposed shrub planting
- Proposed wildflower planting
- Proposed 1.2m high white fence 'acoustic' wall
- Proposed low mounding
- Sandpit in younger childrens play area
- Proposed Main Grass Path
- Proposed Bound Gravel
- Proposed Block Paving
- Proposed Terrace
- Proposed Seating

- A Duo
- B Bell Lyne
- C Harlequins
- D Triple Conga Drum
- E Babel Drums
- F Pappils
- G Floor Piano
- H Emperor Chimes
- I Cajon Drums
- J Sound Cushions

- 1 Small Play Hut
- 2 Sandpit
- 3 Toddler Multi-unit
- 4 Seating
- 5 Timber posts/rubber bollards providing route between the two mounds
- 6 Wildlife Themed Springs
- 7 Toddler Swings with Cradle Seats
- 8 Adventure Trail Equipment
- 9 Picnic Tables
- 10 Ground Level Roundabout
- 11 Relocated Rocking Horse
- 12 7.4m high Climbing Net
- 13 Hexagonal Swing
- 14 12m long Zip-Wire
- 15 Nova Roundabout
- 16 Cantilevered Basket Swing
- 17 Football Table
- 18 Table Tennis Tables
- 19 Binoculars
- 20 Talk Tubes

Please do get in touch to let us know what you think about these ideas, or if you are a skater/BMX/scooter user who would like to get involved in the detailed design of the skate / BMX / scooter facility. You can do this by:

- filling in one of the consultation forms
- emailing [talkinthepark@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:talkinthepark@rugby.gov.uk)
- calling 01788 533706
- or visit the Whitehall Rec page at [www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

