

THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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First Word ... from the Headteacher, Peter Kent

At the start of the new term, I would like to welcome Mr Orford as he joins us to take up the role of Head of PE. I am delighted that we will be able to draw on his talents, energy and experience as we continue to offer a wide range of sporting opportunities to boys at the school.

Looking back on my First Word archive, I have written several articles over the years about my belief that PE should play a central role in the school's curriculum. For that reason, the subject continues to receive a higher percentage of curriculum time than almost any other subject (excluding English and Mathematics). Similarly, in comparison to other schools locally and nationally, we offer a relatively high share of curriculum time to PE.

Mr Orford has already told me how impressed he is with the quality of the resources that the department has available to it - a reflection of the fact that over a number of years the Governing Body have invested hundreds of thousands of pounds in additional funding to develop sporting facilities both on our main site and at Hart Field. Mr Orford and I agree that it is important that all students have the maximum opportunity to make use of these resources and that physical education should enrich the lives of all students, regardless of aptitude or ability.

We have already discussed how to apply this philosophy, in order to offer as many students as possible the chance to take part in fixtures and extra-curricular activities. It is worth emphasising that fixtures are only possible because so many of my colleagues are willing to give up their time to offer these additional opportunities to pupils. Rather than being a function of the timetable, the number and timing of fixtures is thanks to the goodwill and commitment shown by colleagues and I would like to thank them for all that they continue to do.

As a former LSS parent, I know how much PE meant to my two sons and how much they valued the high quality teaching and sporting opportunities that were offered to them whilst at the school. Education is about far more than exam results and PE and the wider opportunities linked to the subject are a crucial component of the breadth that education should offer. In the light of this, I am very pleased that LSS continues to invest so many additional resources in the development of sport within the school.

Peter Kent, Headteacher

Shopping online?

Access your favourite retailer via: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencesherrifschoolpta> and the school gets a commission!



LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL
A National Teaching School
RUGBY

SECOND IN MATHEMATICS
MPS/UPS, PLUS TLR2b - £4,431.32 PA
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 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 high 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.

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: 9.00am Tuesday 1st May 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.
For further information on 'keeping children safe in education' please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2>*

PA NEWS - April 2018

Hello everyone, hope your year is going well.

We have had a lot of outgoing committee members from last October and finding a Treasurer proved a challenge, but we're delighted to welcome Mrs Anita Davies who has taken the role on and we are finally getting sorted! Huge thanks to Anita.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and helped out at the Christmas Fair; we raised just over £2000, and £1000 of that was from the raffle. I would like to thank Emma Slay and the DHL Foundation who have recently match funded the raffle to the value of £600.

FUNDING PROJECT

Alongside supporting staff in subject enrichment and ensuring as many boys benefit from the funds as possible, we are focusing on buying a lighting rig for "Big School". We will be working closely with Mr Watson and his team providing the refreshments (bar) for the concerts. The Easter concert bar raised nearly £400 toward the lights. The total bill is likely to be around the £30K mark so lots of fun events and ideas needed!

CAN YOU HELP?

We have identified several grant opportunities for raising funds and so are looking for anyone within our community who might be happy to work on an application or two. Perhaps you also work for a company who can match fund a raffle or particular event? We would be looking in time for our next big event, which we hope will be in the summer.

If you would like to help with this event in any way, please do get in touch.

CELEBRATING 110 YEARS!

As many of you are aware we hold the record for the oldest established Parents Association in the country, and this year is the 110th anniversary, so it seemed like a good time to celebrate that and at the same time re-evaluate and re-launch the PA. Exciting times, so watch this space!!

To celebrate we are offering a legacy gift, from the PA to the school. This will be confirmed shortly. The other way we want to celebrate is to invite everyone to the "**Swinging Summer Soiree**", an evening of jazz and entertainment on Thursday 12th July. It's open to everybody, and we are hoping to make it a special evening, and a chance to raise some more funds.

NEW - Delighted to say that we have re-joined "Parentkind" formerly the PTA org. All parents can register, log in and access the parent area, where you will find excellent support and resources. You can find it at www.parentkind.org.uk.

GDPR - Another important change. As the new government data protection regulations come into place on May 25th, we have been working to make sure we are compliant and operating best practice. We have also met with Mrs Mpofu to ensure we are working together on this. This will have important implications on how we collect and store your data and how we communicate with you. The good news is it will be (hopefully) simpler and more effective. As you are all members of the PA, communications from the committee to the general membership may come from the school office. We will be notifying you of any changes in a specific newsletter.

DONATIONS AND BANKING - Our bank account will be moving soon, so all those of you who kindly donate, please be aware that the bank details, account number and sort code will be changing too. As soon as everything is in place, we will let you know the details.

IT IS YOUR PA!

Finally, we would love to hear from any of you about any ideas or suggestions we could use, or if there are things we could do better. Even if you cannot make the meetings, Ian and I would love to hear from you. The PA is there to act as the link between school, parents, students, staff and community, as per our remit. Anyone who wants to get in touch can reach us on parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com

Tabitha Droy and Ian Davies
Joint Chairs

Easter holiday running achievements



Lawrence Sheriff School congratulates support staff's running achievements.

Over the Easter holidays, two members of our school's support staff have accomplished the challenge of marathon running.

Debbie Brannan ran her first ever marathon in Manchester on Saturday 8th April, bringing in an amazing time of 5 hours 19 minutes. Debbie is a regular runner and now having completed her first personal challenge in Manchester she is sighting her sights on where her next marathon will be.

Lynda Skerratt completed her third marathon in Brighton on Sunday 15th April in support of the Alzheimer's Society, where she beat her previous personal best by 10 minutes, bringing in a time of 4 hours and 15 minutes.

Congratulations to both of you!

Reporting/Requesting Authorisation for Student Absence

If your son will be absent from school due to illness or you need to request an absence such as a medical appointment, please will you use the following email addresses:

Years 7-11: lowerschool.absence@lawrencesherriffschool.com

Years 12 and 13: sixthform.absence@lawrencesherriffschool.com

Please include your son's name, year and form in any correspondence with the school.

This will enable us to ensure that your email is received by the relevant members of staff as quickly as possible.

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