

THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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First Word ... from the Senior Deputy Headteacher, Gwen Temple

One truth that I'm sure we would all recognise is that education certainly changes! Changes for example in curriculum, exam grading, and teaching styles, to say nothing of the food that is served and health and safety guidance. There have also been changes in our knowledge of how the brain works and which aspects of practice really do make a difference to students' achievement. Years ago, when I was training to teach, just after I had myself left school, there was a recognition that teachers needed to do more than just fill the knowledge reservoirs of the students passively sat in front of them with their own subject knowledge. Teaching was more than just a transfer of information. We needed to care about the wider issues our charges faced and we knew we had to compete for the attention of the teenagers in our classes. We recognised that our students were young people who might be coping with family break up, bereavement and other difficult circumstances and who were contending with trying to find out who they were as emerging adults. On joining the profession, I knew that I would not just be a maths teacher but a tutor; someone who would concentrate on seeing the students as individuals and be interested in the wider activities and circumstances they were in.

Today, it won't be news to any of us that a good pastoral system is an essential to enable young people to achieve all that they can. At Lawrence Sheriff, we have a strong pastoral team, from tutors to heads of year and heads of house, members of the senior team and the support staff who make sure that the pastoral office is accessible to students throughout the day and oversee the extra support that might be needed.

Many of you know Mrs Wright and have worked with her as the lead member of the small core pastoral team for a large number of years. This year is Mrs Wright's last at the school and so we are pleased to have added to the team a second pastoral lead who joined the school in September. Having joined the school as Ms Oliver, she married in April to become Mrs Carr. For this year, both Mrs Wright and Mrs Carr act as our Pastoral Coordinators to ensure a smooth hand over in the vital area of school life.

Mrs Carr is looking forward to taking the pastoral department into a new phase in September, building on the strong foundation formed by Mrs Wright and the colleagues who have worked with her over the years. We wish Mrs Wright a happy and well earned retirement at the end of this half term and know that she leaves the pastoral team in the safe hands of Mrs Carr.

Gwen Temple

Shopping online?

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

Michael Denny

1941 – 2018

Over half-term we received the sad news that Michael Denny had died. Mike was an OL, former member of staff and current school governor. When Mike retired I wrote this appreciation of his contribution to LSS. The comments seem as appropriate in 2018 as they did in 2006, though I have added one or two more recent comments:

There are three things that have struck me over the years about Mr Denny's contribution to the school.

Firstly, Mr Denny has always shown a tremendous commitment to the education of the whole person. Even over the past few years, when others might have been 'winding down' towards retirement, he has continued his involvement in activities as diverse as sport, leadership training and networking with other schools. By its relentless focus upon league tables at the expense of everything else, the government has made it increasingly difficult for teachers to find time to become involved in activities outside the classroom. However, we all know that it is often these broader activities that students remember and value. In amongst all these other activities, Mr Denny has also found time to be a long serving governor of the school.

Secondly, he has a passion for his subject. It wasn't just that he knew his subject well, it was also that he could put across his love for Physics. In the end, it is this enthusiasm that has inspired so many of their students to study the subject at university. Many former students have told me that Mike was an inspirational teacher who passed on to them a lifelong interest in Physics.

Finally, he has shown an outstanding loyalty and commitment to the school. LSS has always been in his heart and his central aim has always been to do all that can to help the school and its students. However good our buildings and however impressive our exam results or resources, it is this loyalty and commitment from my colleagues that is the true explanation for the school's success.

Every year since his retirement Mike came into school to present OL ties to Sixth Formers just before they went on study leave. When ill-health prevented him from doing this just before half-term, we realised just how unwell he was. Mike often told his pupils that one of his proudest moments was when he received his school cap - a sign of how important Lawrence Sheriff was to him.

Peter Kent



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ASSISTANT CARETAKER

Scale 2 - points 11 - 13 (£17,007 FTE – £17,391 FTE), starting salary £17,007 PA

Full time: 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

Occasional evening and weekend work may be required

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.

We are looking to recruit a motivated and hard-working individual to join the site team providing caretaking services to all buildings and outside areas of the school site ensuring a safe and secure environment. Undertaking minor maintenance and repairs, effective provision of site maintenance routines, supervising and checking work of contractors and outside agencies and responding to emergencies relating to the site as necessary.

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

For the job description and 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 on Monday 18th June 2018

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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>*



Discover the science of feeding the world – Saturday & Sunday, 23-24 June, 11am – 5pm

A brand-new science festival lands this June with two days of displays, shows and hands-on fun. The event is free and open to all with something for everyone, from young to old. The Rothamsted Festival of Ideas brings together activities, exhibitions and demonstrations to immerse you in the science of feeding the world.

Get up close with crop critters in our Insect Zone; take the popcorn challenge in our Experiment Zone; see farming take flight with the drones in our Tech Zone. Speed date an expert; ride a tractor; puzzle over our trove of astonishing exhibits; and test the interactive displays. Vote for the most fascinating poster; find out what the future of farming could look like; gain a taste of the nutritional transformations underway. Hook up with one of the wonder trails through our heritage, or take a seat and enjoy a cream tea at the Manor.

Between our 10 science zones, 30+ exhibits and unique tour experiences, we're sure you'll enjoy a weekend of discovery and fun. Learn more about the event and let us know you are coming here: <https://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/events/rothamsted-festival-ideas>.



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