

THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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First Word ... from the Vice Chair of Governors, Ian Nichol

The Governors' Code

What are school governors actually for? It's a question we get asked a lot. At one level the answer is extremely straightforward: we wade through a vast amount of bureaucratic paperwork to satisfy government requirements. But, beyond that, we hope we can make a positive contribution to the happiness and success of everyone at the school.

School governors are not a recent invention. When Winchester College was founded over 600 years ago, a group of independent trustees visited the school "with not more than six horses ... to scrutinise the teaching and the progress in school of the scholars ... and the quality of the food provided for the same ... and correct or reform anything needing correction or reform". These days we tend to leave our horses at home, but otherwise the job hasn't changed hugely.

Even so, it helps to set out in precise terms the principles under which governors do their work. In this connection, we recently carried out a biennial review of the Governors' Code. This is the document that sets out the role of governors in terms of their duties to the school, their relationship with the headteacher and staff, and the way they should interact with each other. You can find the Code on the Lawrence Sheriff website in the section on Governors accessed from 'Quick Links'.

For me, the essence of the Code comes in Clause 6. This confirms that the governors "recognise that strong relationships based on trust are at the heart of good governance: they create the atmosphere where tough but necessary questions can best be asked and resolved. We see the relationship between governors and school leaders as a mix of constructive challenge and keen support. We are all in this together."

What are the other key elements of the Code? First, it emphasises that the governors' role is a strategic one, planning for the school long-term through policies within which the staff do their work. We are not here to check up on how people do their jobs: that is for the headteacher and his leadership team. Beyond that, governors have got to be more than cheerleaders for the school, though in my experience a bit of cheerleading never goes amiss. Staff should always have the confidence that they will be supported in properly carrying out their duties. And there must be an open, honest, relationship with the headteacher and senior staff. For the very reason that we are all in this together, the headteacher and the senior deputy headteacher are themselves members of the governing body.

Much of this should go without saying, but saying it clearly and within one page of A4 paper still has considerable merit. That's what the Governors' Code is for.

Ian Nichol



Open Evening

Wednesday 27 June 2018

6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Lawrence Sheriff School will be holding its annual Open Evening on **Wednesday 27 June 2018** for pupils and their parents/carers who are considering applying to the school for entry to Year 7 in September 2019.

Dr Kent will speak at 6.00 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm in Big School, followed by tours of the school. There is no need to book, everyone is welcome to attend whichever session is most convenient for them. Copies of the school prospectus will be available on the evening.

Hart Field, the school's sports field located about a mile from the school on Lower Hillmorton Road, will also be open between 5.45 pm and 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to visit Hart Field to see the outstanding sports facilities available to our pupils either before or after their tour of the school. However, please note that the gates at Hart Field will be locked promptly at the end of this session.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils, parents and carers to the school. If anyone attending has any particular access requirements, please would they contact **Mrs Batchelor, PA to the Headteacher**, in advance of the event so that we can assist you.

Thank you for your interest in Lawrence Sheriff School.

Mrs Batchelor

Shopping online?

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



Lawrence Sheriff PA Presents

'Gig For The Rig'

Friday 6th July 2018

(ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE NEW LIGHTING FOR BIG SCHOOL)

HANZO



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adult
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SHOW ID

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of exams, or just the
end of the
week!



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LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL
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RUGBY

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

Contact: Mrs Tracey Howcroft / Mrs Debbie Brannan

Tel: 01788 542074, Fax: 01788 567962, Email: recruitment@lawrencesherrifschool.com

School Website: 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.
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2>*



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PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Scale 3 - points 14 - 17 (£17,681 FTE - £18,672 FTE), with a possible progression to Scale 4 (Points 18 - 21). Starting salary circa £16,235.47 pro-rata per annum

Full time: 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm,

42 weeks per year (term-time and training days, plus an additional 3 weeks during the school holiday periods)

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We are looking to recruit a Pastoral Assistant to assist the Pastoral Coordinator in the daily running of the Pastoral office. The role involves supporting pupils in their learning and encouraging positive behaviour in and around school, assisting in the transition arrangements for pupils at the beginning and end of the school year and providing medical first aid support to pupils and staff.

The successful candidate will have experience in working with young people and have the ability to provide support through counselling skills. You will have high level interpersonal skills in order to liaise with staff and students, and the ability to communicate sensitively and tactfully with a range of people.

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Following a recent vehicle break-in at another school in the County, please can we remind all parents and visitors of the following advice regarding vehicle security:

- Never leave anything on view.
- Take audio and sat nav equipment with you.
- Never leave the car with the engine running, or the keys in the ignition.
- Fit self-locking screws to prevent number plates being stolen.
- Always lock your car and fully close windows and sunroofs.
- Check your door handles to make sure it's locked.
- Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels, fuel caps and wheels.
- Park in a safe place.
- Never leave your mobile phone behind when leaving the car.
- Do not keep vehicle documents in the car.

Mrs Batchelor, PA to the Headteacher



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