

THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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First Word ... from David Howe, Vice Chair of Governors

We know that, apart from wartime, LSS had no full-time female teachers till the late nineteen sixties. The presence of RHS girls on site was an even rarer event. Before then, the only officially sanctioned meetings of girls and boys in school were those of the 'inter school dance'. Even meeting outside the school gates was forbidden, a widely flouted rule given that boys were required to wear school uniform when out and about at all times, including evenings and weekends. Dancing happened, but usually well away from school premises. It must have been a time for furtive, rule-breaking fraternisation. After all, who would want to turn up at the Co-op Hall, Rugby, or the Brotherhood House, or the Locarno Ballroom, Coventry, in school uniform? Where would one hang one's cap, also obligatory wear?

It is against this background that the first inter-school dances took place. It is hard to find in school records exactly when the dances started. We know that they were an innovation of Mr Wheeler, and that he retired in 1945. Thus, we can date a start before then.



Older pupils in both schools were expected to do wartime evening work: fire-watching, delivering messages, farm work, shooting practice, etc. Given blackout restrictions, a date in the late nineteen thirties seems more likely, but I have yet to find proof. Anyone still alive who attended and recalls pre-war dances would have to be well over ninety.

Thanks to Bob Fell (OL 1948-1954), we know precisely how these dances were run. He became eligible to attend in 1952 and provides a vivid account, almost an instruction manual.

"The music was provided by the use of a gramophone and 78 rpm records operated by one of the masters acting as an MC, announcing each dance in turn, but that did nothing to prevent everybody enjoying themselves. However what was significant was that all of the girls were on one side of the room and all the boys on the other – there was no mixing at all, by order of the dance committee, chaired of course by the Headmistress. As each dance was announced the boys walked across the floor to the partner of their choice and said all very formally:

"Excuse me, may I have the pleasure of this dance?" There was no need for a reply as the intended partner immediately stood up. However there were occasions when the request was denied with some excuse or the other, usually as they were waiting for somebody of their choice, or not wishing to dance with that particular partner. Having completed the dance it was then the responsibility for the boy to escort the girl back to her seat and say 'Thank you'. You were not permitted to remain on the dance floor together for the next dance. This was rigidly enforced by the hovering staff. The only exception was if you escorted the girl to the next room if she had agreed to your suggestion of a drink. But even here there was strict supervision. Later in the evening one of the boys went a bit berserk and asked the headmistress for a dance; he had obviously been put up to it by others, but to be fair she graciously accepted and they danced in the centre of the room surrounded at a reasonable distance by many other dancers. They were both given a round of applause by everybody as he escorted the head back to her seat. He had earned many Brownie points that night."

David Howe



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/lawrencesherrifschoolpta> 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)

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of exams, or just the
end of the
week!

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DOOR

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LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL
A National Teaching School
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PERSONNEL OFFICER

Scale 4 (Points 18 – 21, £18,870 FTE - £20,541 FTE) with possible progression to Scale 5 (Points 22 – 25, £21,074 - £23,111).

Starting salary circa £16,089.60 pro-rata per annum

Hours: 37 hours per week - Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm, term-time plus training days, plus some work during the last week of the summer holiday for which they will receive an additional payment.

Required for September 2018

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We are looking to recruit an efficient administrator to join our busy Personnel Department. You will be an experienced, effective administrator who can work under pressure to tight deadlines. As the first point of contact for all personnel matters you will provide a professional and friendly service to colleagues and visitors.

Your duties as part of a team will include: dealing with HR queries, processing all documentation in relation to personnel matters, ensuring all electronic and paper record systems are up to date, producing reports on staff data, co-ordinating the recruitment of staff and volunteers, assisting with induction of new staff and volunteers. Applicants must be able to deal sensitively with matters of confidence whilst following the School Child Protection policy, for which training will be given.

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 Friday 29th June 2018

Contact: Miss Gemma Green

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

School Website: www.lawrencesharffschool.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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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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FOSTERING: EVERYDAY'S A SCHOOL DAY.

You could be fostering a teenager six months from now, find out how: text "CHILD" to 62266 today and we'll call you back within 24 hours.



OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please note that overdue library books should be returned to the library as soon as possible. The deadline for returning books is **Friday 6th July 2018** (2 weeks prior to the end of term).

With regret, due to the large number of books being lost as a result of not being returned, parents will be invoiced for the cost of replacing any books not received by this date. This is especially relevant to students leaving Lawrence Sheriff School this year.

Thank you.

Miss Torrens (Librarian)



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