

# THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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## First Word ... from David Howe, Vice Chair of Governors and former pupil of Lawrence Sheriff School

### *back in the day ...*

Once upon a time meals were simpler. Not necessarily better or worse. Just simpler: Breakfast, Dinner, Tea and possibly Supper. At school you either went home for dinner or went to Penrhos House for a school dinner. A clear line was marked between the two categories. If you went home, you were your parents' responsibility. If you stayed, you went to a dinnertime supervised by the master on duty. There was no grey area. Not even sixth formers could go into town, unless they contrived a plausible excuse such as purchasing materials for Art. (That usually worked if deployed sparingly!)

Most boys went home, where mums (for it was she, most mums did not go out to work) would be ready with a two course meal. Most dads would cycle up the hill from 'the works' for their dinner, even though there was a factory canteen. Some dads living in and around areas like the Ashlawn Road, or Lawford Road or on the way to Clifton would spend up to half an hour cycling to and fro, thus having just less than half an hour to eat. The meal would be served at a set time every day, in my case 12.40 pm, and not a minute later. Pupils at Eastlands School (then in Eastlands Road) would walk as far as Clifton for their dinner. If they were late, they were caned.

Imagine my discomfiture when asked by a group of Chinese visitors to explain just what we meant by 'lunch', 'dinner', 'tea', 'high tea', 'supper', etc. The confusion often stems from the variety of working hours that parents now have to do: 'part-time', 'earlies', 'lates', 'job share', near at hand, far away, irregular routines, M40 closed, etc. Many adults, especially the 'older generation', lament the virtual disappearance of the family sit down meal, even on a Sunday. Youngsters who may be home by 4.00 pm understandably (in my opinion) do not want to wait until 6.00 pm, or 6.30 pm, or 7.30 pm, before parents return. They are usually starving the minute they arrive home. Hence the widespread practice, once unthinkable, of 'raiding the fridge' and 'snacking'.

My son, now forty seven, will often call in without prior notification. We return home later and have somewhat querulous conversations along the lines of:

**"Did you finish all that cheese?" "No, I haven't touched it." "Well, it's gone." [Pause] "I expect Stephen has been in again."**

We idly speculate what he would say if we used the key we have to his flat to let ourselves in and raid his fridge. Of course, our lax and unpredictable habits are the root cause.

Add to that mix our experience of meeting pupils to whom 'lunch' is a mid-morning snack (replacing 'elevenses'?) and 'being invited to tea' could mean anything from a cup of tea and a biscuit to a two or three course meal.

Hence my clarification answer to the question from the Chinese visitors explaining what is meant by the various labels given to our meals:

**"Well, it's quite straightforward really. 'Breakfast' is the first meal of the day, often now served in cafes till the early evening. After that, is anyone's guess."**

Ah, as it's tea time now, I'll stop and have a coffee. Are there any biscuits left in the tin? **David Howe**



## LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL

A National Teaching School

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### SIXTH FORM CENTRE MANAGER

Scale 5 (Points 22 – 25, £21,074 - £23,111 FTE). Starting salary circa £18,971.16 pro-rata per annum.

8.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, 37 hours per week term time plus training days.

An additional 2 weeks per annum to be negotiated but to include the A level and the 3 days around GCSE results' days in August.

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 an efficient administrator with proven inter-personal skills to join our busy Sixth Form team. You will be an experienced, effective administrator with the ability to adapt to the fast-paced, ever-changing nature of the work. You will need to have a very keen eye for detail, as well as an ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines. As a first point of contact for sixth form matters, you will provide a professional and friendly service to colleagues, sixth formers and visitors.

Your duties as part of a team will include: dealing with sixth form queries, processing documentation in relation to sixth form matters, ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the sixth form centre, interacting closely with the students to ensure a conducive working atmosphere, which enhances the culture of independent learning and pastoral care in the sixth form centre.

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 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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## School Service and Junior Prizegiving

The annual **School Service and Junior Prizegiving** (Years 7 and 8) is taking place on **Sunday 15 July 2018** at **10.30 am** in **Big School**.

Letters have been sent to the parents of prizewinners. However, all parents and students are welcome to attend – the event will last about 1½ hours and light refreshments will be served by the PA at the end of the event.

Students who are receiving prizes have been asked to wear school uniform.

**Mrs L Batchelor**  
PA to the Headteacher



With such high temperatures predicted, please ensure that you have plenty of drinks and take these outside with you when doing PE.

You will not be allowed to go back to the changing rooms unless it is an emergency.

Please also use plenty of sun cream and feel free to bring a peaked cap.

If you suffer from hay fever or migraines then a pair of sports sunglasses will be allowed.

**Mr Orford**  
Head of Physical Education

**MUNCHKINS & MONSTERS**

**THE JABBERWOCKY**  
BY LEWIS CARROLL

**Play in a Day**  
For 8 - 13 year olds.  
In collaboration with  
Rugby Theatre

7 July, 9.30am (all day event)

Tickets: £30 per child  
LIMITED SPACES

Book online [rugbytheatre.co.uk](http://rugbytheatre.co.uk) Box office 01788 541 234

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**STORY IN THE PARK**

Devised & Directed by Robert Sloan  
Performed in Caldecott Park

A fairy tale adventure perfect for all kids, big or small

Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.  
Seats are not provided, please bring something suitable to sit on

Park closed during performances

There will be loud bangs

15 July, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Tickets: £5 - £6  
family tickets available

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