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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

As always, the end of term sees a number of colleagues leaving the school.

I would like to thank Ms Morton for her work as a Teaching Assistant. I know that the pupils she has worked with have very much valued the patient support that she offered. Similarly, I wish Mr Syed well as he returns to Birmingham after a year of teaching biology at LSS. As Ms Spruce moves on to a new role, I would like to thank her for her work on projects such as the introduction of AS Statistics to the curriculum. Miss Janaki also moves on to a promotion after making a strong contribution to the school's mathematics department. Her work in developing mathematics teaching across the school has been very much appreciated.

Tracey Howcroft recently left as personnel officer after eight years at the school. Tracey's calm efficiency and dedicated hard work have been invaluable assets to the school and she will be very much missed. I would like to wish Tracey and her family every success as they move to the East Midlands.

Mrs Burke has been an inspirational teacher of French whose creative approach to the teaching of the language has been greatly appreciated by her pupils. Also a very talented teacher of Music, pupils and teachers alike will miss all that Mrs Burke brought to the school.

Mr Oggelsby is also Birmingham bound and we would all like to thank him for his broad contribution to LSS. As well as teaching physics, Mr Oggelsby has done a great deal to establish the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme in the school. The fact that he is currently away accompanying a World Challenge Expedition says a great deal about his willingness to give up large amounts of his time to support activities beyond the classroom.

Mrs James has many family links to the school and when I first met her she was an active member of the parents' association. Generations of Y12 and Y13 students have appreciated the meticulous and thoughtful way in which she has overseen the management of the Sixth Form Centre. Mrs James has a wonderful eye for detail and her admirable efficiency has navigated staff and students alike through the complexities of the UCAS system. Despite having an extremely busy role she has always made time to take an interest in every individual student and her caring, sympathetic approach has been hugely appreciated. We wish her a very happy retirement.

I would like to extend the same good wishes to Mrs Wright, who retires after 32 years of outstanding service to the school. When I joined LSS, Mrs Wright was lab technician in physics and also had a role as matron, providing medical support to students. I remember an early discussion with the leadership team which concluded that we needed someone to lead on day to day pastoral issues since none of us could guarantee that we would be available if a parent came into school and wanted to speak to someone. Since then, Mrs Wright has been in the vanguard of developing the school's pastoral system. Her interest in people, willingness to listen, calmness under pressure and ability to offer thoughtful advice has enabled generations of pupils, parents and staff to find their way through the challenges that life presents. Mrs Wright's commitment to all that is best about Lawrence Sheriff is an example to all of us and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank her for her wonderful service to LSS.

Peter Kent



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TERM DATES – 2018-2019

Autumn Term

<i>Monday 3 September 2018</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
Tuesday 4 September 2018	Term starts for Years 7 and 12
Wednesday 5 September 2018	Term starts for other year groups
<i>Thursday 11 October 2018</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018	Half Term
<i>Friday 30 November 2018</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
Friday 21 December 2018	Term Ends

Spring Term

Monday 7 January 2019	Term starts
Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019	Half Term
<i>Wednesday 20 March 2019</i>	<i>Training Day - change of date</i>
Friday 12 April 2019	Term Ends

Summer Term

Monday 29 April 2019	Term Starts
<i>Monday 6 May 2019</i>	<i>Public Holiday</i>
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019	Half Term
Friday 19 July 2019	Term ends
<i>Monday 22 July 2019</i>	<i>Training Day</i>

PLEASE NOTE: These dates may be subject to change.

Parent Consultation Evenings 2018-2019

All parent consultation bookings will be made via Insight next academic year. We have trialled this system with three year groups this year and it has worked well with positive feedback from parents.

Please find attached a sheet with FAQs and a User-guide for Insight and the booking system.

Mrs T Mpofu
Deputy Headteacher

Shopping online?

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Wishing all readers of *The Weekly Word* a great summer break!



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