



THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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I think that all of us felt rather nervous as we anticipated 2018 GCSE results. With new specifications, new assessment structures and a new grading system it would be harder to think of a more root and branch upheaval to the system. I had to take the dog for a long walk before I plucked up the courage to check the results and I suspect that many pupils, parents and staff shared my feelings.

As things worked out, the results showed a pleasing consistency with those of previous years. For some years I have maintained a rolling four year spreadsheet, so that we can track the broad trend of results over time and I am pleased to say that 2018 was very much in line with 2017 and the years before. To give one obvious example, in 2017, 61% of entries were graded at A*/A and in 2018, 61% of entries were graded at the equivalent score of 7/8 or 9.

When the new grading system of 1-9 was taken into account, 100% of students gained 5 A*-C grades including English and mathematics. 20 students achieved the unusual distinction of gaining the top grade 9 score in 5 or more of their subjects and in total, 53 students gained 9 or more A* or A grades (9-7 in the new system).

Results remained consistently high across the core subjects of Mathematics, English, the three sciences, computer studies and history and geography. For example, 25% of students gained the top Grade 9 in mathematics, with 82% overall gaining the equivalent of A*/A grades in the subject.

The methodology for calculating the government's Progress 8 measure changes each year, so I will update you once these figures are published. However, given the consistency of these results with previous years, we anticipate a positive score when the data is released later in the term.

Well done to the pupils and teachers who worked together to gain these excellent results and to the parents who did so much to support them. It is a significant achievement to perform at such a high level in a year when public examinations have been deliberately made more difficult.

Peter Kent

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

We will be using Insight for parents to book parent consultation evening appointments, further details will be sent out next week.

Please check that you are able to login in to Insight. If you need your account resetting and new login details sent out please email:

Issinsight@lawrencesheriffschool.com or Teresa.mpofu@lawrencesheriffschool.com

Reporting an Absence

Parents/carers are asked to telephone the school on the first and subsequent days of a student's absence to the main school office .

Alternatively parents/carers are asked to email the school on the first and subsequent days of a student's absence to attendance@lawrencesheriffschool.com or log in to TASC Insight Parent Portal from the school's website page and click on 'Attendance' and then click on 'Report Absences'.

If you wish to make a request for Leave of Absence for exceptional circumstances please fill in the Leave of Absence request form found on the school website and return to the main office for the attention of **Dr Kent**.

Thank you.

Mrs Slaughter
Attendance Manager

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service.

We would encourage you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



TABLE TENNIS



Lunchtime Sessions:

Wednesday: year seven club members only (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Friday: club and school team members only (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Club Sessions:

Wednesday 6.30 pm—9.00 pm (Lawrence Sheriff School)

Sunday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm (Hill Street Community Centre)

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parents@lawrencesheriffschool.com

We will then send you your number and payment details

Deadline 24th September



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