



# THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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From time to time I have written about my role on the governing Executive of the International Confederation of Principals. Having served a year as President of the Association of School Leaders, (the professional association for most of England's secondary leaders and an increasing number of primary colleagues), I was persuaded to become involved in ICP, the only group that represents school leaders worldwide. At a time when international understanding is becoming ever more important, it seemed a very good idea to take a role in an organisation that brings together schools and leaders from across the world.

During their meeting in Killarney this summer, I was re-elected to ICP's Executive for a further two years (at one point it felt like being in an episode of Eurovision and I was relieved to escape the usual English score of 'nil points' when the votes were counted). Having represented Europe for the past two years, I have now moved on to being ICP's General Representative, overseeing the governance of the organisation.

My re-election has had one rather unexpected outcome. Following their high scores in the international tests known as PISA, it is common for teachers from Shanghai to be invited to this country to pass on their professional practice. At present there is even a UK government funded programme encouraging English schools to adopt approaches from South East Asia and the country's network of Mathematics Hub Schools have regular masterclasses led by teachers from Shanghai.

Following this summer's elections, a group of us on the ICP Executive were surprised and pleased to be invited by the Chinese government to travel to Shanghai to present two papers to an international symposium that will explore how schools from across the world can learn from one another. The ICP President is Australian and Vice-President is South African, so their systems will no doubt be at the forefront of what is shared, but it was still an honour to receive the invitation and to have the chance to pass on good practice from the English system.

The longer I spend with my colleagues from across the world, the more I realise that there is much more that unites us than that which sets us apart. I am sure that this experience will apply to the links between the English and Chinese systems of education and I look forward to updating you on my experience of the conference in a future article.

**Peter Kent**

## 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@lawrencesherriffschool.com](mailto:attendance@lawrencesherriffschool.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**

Lawrence Sheriff School  
**Christmas  
Fayre**

Saturday 24th November  
12 - 3pm

We need your support to make this year's Fayre the best ever!

Donations of cakes, as well as bottle and chocolate tombola prizes are very welcome - donations can be brought into the school office, or into the Griffin Centre by Friday 23rd November in the evening, or on the day of the Fayre.

Students interested in running a stall can email [parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com](mailto:parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com)



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We will then send you your number and payment details  
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**Deadline 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Cash prize amounts pro rata with number of participants

 Lawrence Sheriff School  
**Parents' Association**

**Don't throw those  
old clothes out!**

We are collecting for



The Eco Committee will be helping us collect your old unwanted clothes, fabrics and textiles at the end of this term.

**Watch this space for  
date of collection!**

For more information email  
[parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com](mailto:parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com)

## Rugby High School

Rugby High School is consulting on its admissions policy for entry in 2020.

The consultation period is running from:

8 October 2018 to 26 November 2018

Further details are available on the school's website

## **Emergency School Closures**

In the event of an emergency school closure (e.g. due to severe weather conditions) the school will operate a text messaging service via Warwickshire County Council in order to notify parents.

All parents and carers are strongly recommended to sign up to this system, details of which are at:

**[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/  
schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)**

If you have children at other Warwickshire schools you may be able to sign up for those schools as well if they have chosen to use this system.

Thank you.

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**Access your favourite retailer via:**

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencesherrifschoolpta>

**and the school gets a commission!**