



THE WEEKLY WORD

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First Word ... from Peter Kent, Headteacher

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Since my term as ASCL President finished, my main focus has been my 'day job' as a headteacher of Lawrence Sheriff. However, with the agreement of the governing body, I have continued my involvement in one or two projects at a national and international level that have a benefit for the wider educational system.

Around two years ago, a range of leadership groups came together to form the Commission for Ethical Leadership. The group formed as a direct response to the many pressures that our increasingly diverse system creates upon those who exercise leadership - not just school and college leaders, but also those taking a role in governance or working across groups of schools.

I was one of 18 Commissioners and worked alongside Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, a member of the Commission for Standards in Public Life, Professors of Education, the Chief Executive of the National Governors Association, Faith Groups and a cross section of school leaders. Together we grappled with the challenge of how to foster the highest standards of ethical behaviour in those who lead education.

Our report is about to be launched as part of a conference at the University of London. Rather than looking to create a Chartermark or getting overly caught up in specific cases, we decided that the best way forward was to offer a framework which provided a description of what ethical leadership might look like. Drawing heavily upon the Nolan Principles for Public Life, this was the structure that we came up with:

The Framework for Ethical Leadership in Education

- Selflessness:** School and college leaders should act solely in the interest of children and young people.
- Integrity:** School and college leaders must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. Before acting and taking decisions, they must declare and resolve openly any perceived conflict of interest and relationships.
- Objectivity:** School and college leaders must act and take decisions impartially and fairly, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias. Leaders should be dispassionate, exercising judgement and analysis for the good of children and young people.
- Accountability:** School and college leaders are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.
- Openness:** School and college leaders should expect to act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from scrutiny unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.
- Honesty:** School and college leaders should be truthful.
- Leadership:** School and college leaders should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles, and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs. Leaders include both those who are paid to lead schools and colleges and those who volunteer to govern them.

One Australian headteacher summed up the dilemma that we all face as leaders when they said 'ethical leadership is easy, just do the right thing. The trouble is, how do you know what the right thing is?' I believe that the framework helps all of us involved in leadership, at whatever level, to answer that question, providing a routemap that helps us 'do the right thing' in the interests of the young people and wider communities that we serve. **Peter Kent**



LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL



Volunteers Wanted

Across the country, Design and Technology students are undertaking Non Examination Assessments (NEA) like those never seen before. The big difference is the 'Iterative Design' aspect and the need for 'user' involvement in the development of a design. We are desperately looking for any Parents (past or present), OL's or friends of the school who would like to act as a 'user' in the development of students project work. The focus of projects is dictated by the examination board and includes products for:

- the 3rd world;
- an autistic child;
- a disabled person; or
- the visually or psychologically impaired.

What would volunteering involve?

Initially, this would include taking the time to come into school, at a mutually convenient time, to discuss projects with students and their possible development. The second stage would be to come back into school and evaluate the prototype that has been produced. This would be undertaken as a group session with teacher presence to reduce the number of visits to the school and your precious time.

If you work or have some experience in any of these areas and you would like to volunteer as a 'user' to support our students please email me:

mike.hickling@lawrencesheriffschool.com

Thank you for your help, time and support.

Mr Hickling
Head of Design Technology Department

NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS AWARD 2018/19

A team of four Year 8 **Lawrence Sheriff School** students has won the National Young Mathematicians Award 2018/2019



Having successfully passed through the first two rounds of the competition in November and December 2018:

Adam Marlow, Pritesh Mistry, Ittu Phago, Leo Siby

were one of five secondary school teams qualifying from across the country to go through to the Grand Final at the University of Cambridge on 9 January 2019.

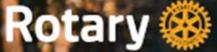
All teams involved in the event showed off their fantastic problem solving and team working skills, but Lawrence Sheriff School came out on top.

The team's Maths Teacher, Varun Garg, was very proud to watch his pupils win this competition and see them presented with their trophies and prizes by Bobby Seagull, an inspirational TV mathematician, writer and journalist.

Adam said "The competition was a really good experience and challenged our team a lot. It allowed our team to improve our maths skills and our problem solving. Overall, the competition was very exciting and gave me a chance to connect with my teammates and improve our communication skills." Teammate **Ittu** added "This was a very different experience as I had to work with my team to compete against the other teams. Whilst competing, the pressure was high with surrounding examiners watching our work. However I was able to cope with the stress and help my team to succeed."

Congratulations to Morgan Thomas, 13 TGHG on winning the Senior category in the Rugby Rotary Young Photographer competition

The theme was 'The Beauty of Nature' and his entry was a photograph of the sunset across the fields on Stockton Road in Birdingbury. Morgan will be presented with his prize on Saturday 9th February by the Mayor of Rugby or CEO of Hinckley and Rugby Building Society (main sponsors)



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**RUGBY ROTARY
YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER
EXHIBITION**
(COMPETITION 2018-19)

FREE ENTRY

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
9th - 23rd February 2019

Organised by the three
Rotary Clubs in Rugby



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Rugby Operatic Society presents

CHESS: The Musical

Music by Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvæus
Lyrics by Tim Rice
Based on an idea by Tim Rice

Rugby Operatic Society is proud to present the wonderful spectacle of Chess: The musical.



This amateur production of "Chess (UK Version)" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD

The celebrated score was written by the talented team behind ABBA, Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaeus, with typically clever and witty lyrics by the foremost English lyricist of our times, Sir Tim Rice. This ROS version is the first production since the show was recently revived for a sold out summer season at the Coliseum in London, starring Michael Ball and Alexandra Burke.

ROS and their Principals have been joined by a number of talented local groups. Adult singers from the Rugby Philharmonic, Rugby Male Voice and the Revel villager's choirs; plus the Leigh-Anne Campbell school of dancers and Audacity the youth singers from the Harris C of E Academy. A total cast of over 70 performers will join together in harmony under the timely baton of David J King (MD) and the insightful direction of Rex Pogson.

The show is famed for a number of chart hits from the mid-1980s, including "I know him so well" by Elaine Paige & Barbara Dixon and "One night in Bangkok" by Murray Head. The action is a complex love story from the 1980s, with a backdrop of political power struggles, hidden agendas and unrequited love between the players, their supporters and the political aspirations of the USA (CIA) and USSR (KGB).

The show runs from **Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th February at 7.30 pm** at the **Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College** theatre on Newbold Road.

Tickets are £15 and are available by phoning Lucy Lee on 07732 215673 or on the website: www.ticketsource.co.uk/rugbyoperaticsociety

Admissions Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Code (2014), the Governors of Lawrence Sheriff School are consulting on their draft Admissions Policy for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

The consultation period runs from:

midday on Tuesday 18 December 2018 to midday on Tuesday 29 January 2019

Anyone wishing to comment on the draft document should write to:

Mrs Beardshaw,
Clerk to the Governors,
Lawrence Sheriff School,
Clifton Road,
Rugby,
CV21 3AG

or by email to:

gillian.beardshaw@lawrencesherrifschool.com

by the deadline of: **midday on 29 January 2019.**

A copy of the consultation document will be available on the school website during the consultation period at:

www.lawrencesherrifschool.com under Parents and Students/Key Information/School Policies

or a hard copy can be supplied on request to: Mrs Beardshaw, Clerk to the Governors

Thank you.



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)

Try them out - first two are free!
See the website for more info:

www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET

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

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.

Shopping online?

Access your favourite retailer via:

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

and the school gets a commission!

