

5 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

During this term, we will be studying a number of CSI techniques in science lessons. We have been fortunate to secure a visit from a team of forensic scientists from the company 'Thinkers in Education' (www.thinkersineducation.co.uk/csi) who will be leading a number of CSI workshops for Year 7s on either **Tuesday, 21 October or Wednesday, 22 October 2025**.

The CSI investigation for the workshop is as follows:

A body has been found with blood on its hands - but is it the sign of a murder? Students need to use their detective minds to determine the evidence that is most important and what it actually proves.

Teams must analyse the scene, conduct forensic tests, interpret evidence and scrutinise statements made by witnesses and suspects. Players will use techniques spanning the ages of detection, from powder fingerprinting through to the latest DNA fingerprinting tests. They will need to apply their best problem-solving skills if they are to uncover the twists, turns and shock revelations. As the complex story unfolds, players must ensure they work together to analyse all the information in order to draw a conclusion that fits the evidence!

Pupils will be off timetable for half a day, working in small groups to solve this 'mock' crime.

We would be grateful if you could support us in arranging this event by making a voluntary contribution of £12.50 via Parent Mail by Friday, 17 October 2025. Whilst it is not compulsory for you to pay for this event, we are only able to provide such opportunities for learning by obtaining contributions from parents/carers. Although regrettable, the decision to cancel this event may be necessary should we not receive sufficient donations by this date.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding (Free School Meals at present or Free School Meals within the last 6 years or Previously/Looked After Child), you may be able to receive Pupil Premium funding towards the cost of school trips. Please contact Mr S Roopnarain (roopnarains@goldington.beds.sch.uk) to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

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