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Hawthorn Science Week – CSI and VR Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our science week next term, an exciting whole-day workshop has been planned on the school site. This Science Experience Day will take place on **Monday 9th March 2026** and will offer pupils two engaging, immersive workshops: a Crime Scene Investigation Workshop and a Virtual Reality Human Body Workshop, delivered by Giant Journeys.

During the CSI workshop, children will investigate a mystery titled *"It Was the Perfect Crime."* Overnight, gems worth an estimated £32 million were stolen from a high-security vault, leaving the world-famous Venus Diamond missing by morning. Pupils will learn about DNA, fingerprints, footprints and fibres before entering a mock crime scene, where they will collect evidence and decide which of the eight suspects is responsible. This interactive session shows how science is used in real-world investigations.



In the second workshop, children will explore the human body through an immersive Virtual and Augmented Reality experience, linked to our Science unit *Animals including Humans*. Pupils will travel inside the body to observe how the heart, lungs, digestive system and brain work, gaining an engaging and memorable insight into how our bodies function.

The workshops will take place **in school and during normal school hours**. The cost per child will be **£6.00**, which we feel represents excellent value for such a rich and exciting learning experience.

Payment and consent will be required via Scopay by **Friday 27th February 2026**. This payment is a voluntary contribution and no child or family will be discriminated against for not contributing. Costs will be covered by the school for families in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance; in this case, parents should contact the school office with the relevant up-to-date documentation. **However, should insufficient voluntary contributions be received, we may unfortunately have to cancel the workshop.**

Thank you, once again, for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely
Miss Hawtin



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