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MURDER BY THE BOOK!

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ambition – would hardly care to try whether they could indeed make material gold. Their goal would be an alchemy and regeneration of the spirit beside which the power to transmute metals would appear a negligible trick and not one to be advertised.¹

Inevitably it was the charlatans and profiteers who were most in evidence, not those on the path to true alchemy. Nevertheless there were some who, while not successful, were not knowing frauds. They might themselves have attributed their failure to their lack of spiritual development, or to some error in the minutely demanding material process. Such may have been Cornelius de Lannoy whom Elizabeth I imprisoned when he failed to come up with the stone. He pleaded that ‘if it shall please the Queen to release him from confinement he will without delay put into operation that wonderful elixir for making gold for her majesty’s service’.

Subtle speaks of being ‘locked up, in the Tower, to make gold there (for th’ state)’ (Elizabeth’s patronage of learned occu-



A pen and a page torn from a book
the victim was reading

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An empty jug and two glasses.
Glass **A** is empty, whilst glass **B** contains a small quantity of colourless liquid. Both the jug and glasses smell of almonds.

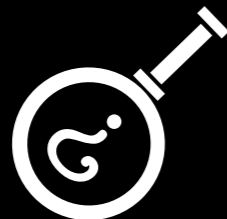
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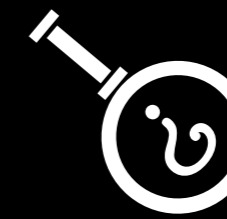
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An empty ice cube tray



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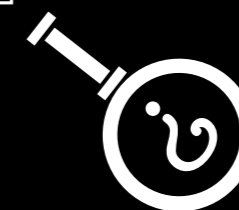
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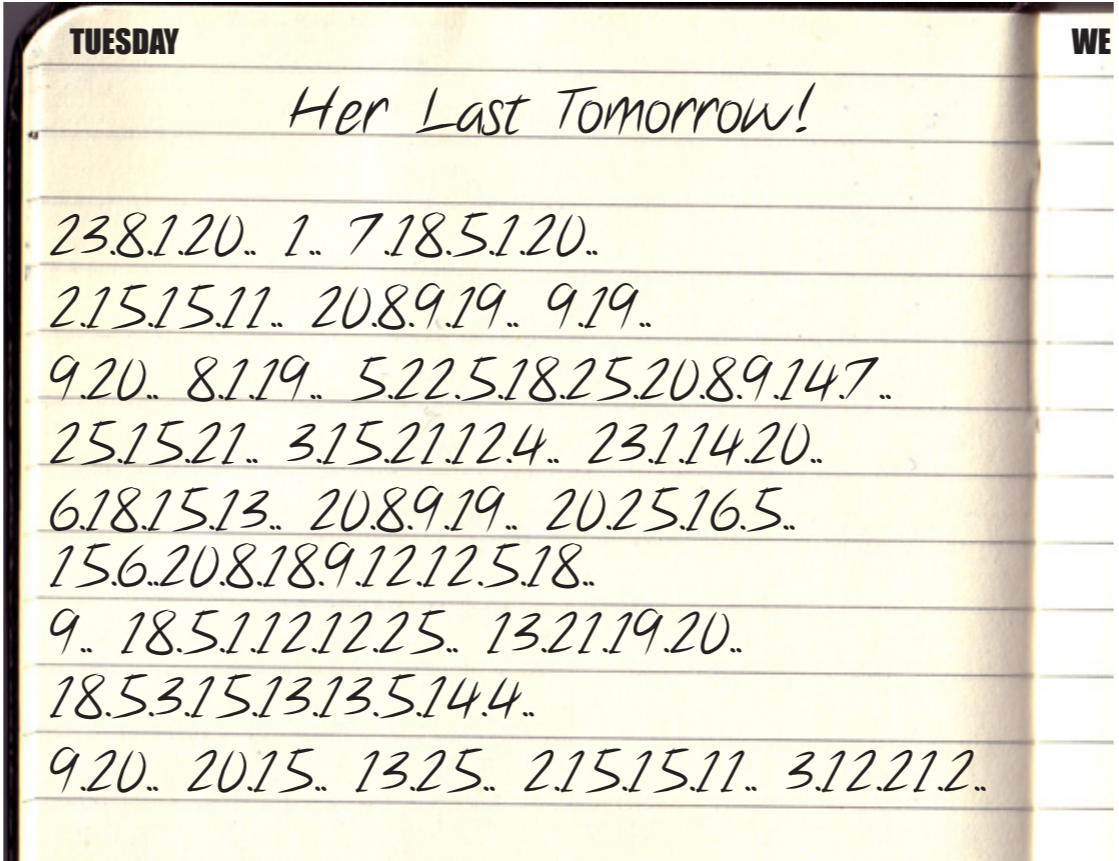
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3	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Fiction	J.K. Rowling	Bloomsbury
4	Holes	Fiction	L.Sachar	Bloomsbury
4	War Horse	Fiction	M.Morpurgo	Egmont
1	Unsolved Murders	Non-fiction	J.Smith	Team
1	Famous 20 th Century Murders	Non-fiction	K.Burke	Team
1	Modern Murder Investigation Tactics	Non-fiction	J.Etheridge	Team
1	Murder by Stealth: Poisons	Non-fiction	W.Jones	Adams
1	Travel Guide: South Africa	Non-fiction	P.Rochford	Link
5	Twilight: Breaking Dawn	Fiction	S.Mayer	Atom
3	The Hobbit	Fiction	J.R.R.Tolkien	Harper Collins

A list of recently ordered books for the library

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A diary belonging to the Head of English.
 An entry (mainly written in code)
 appears on the day before the murder.



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Head of English



Duty Caretaker



Library Cleaner



Librarian



Head of Science



Miss Terry



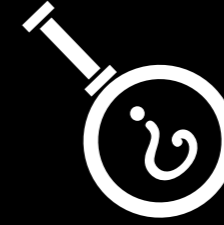
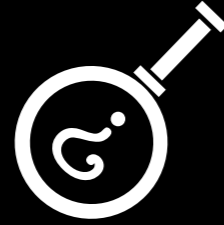
Duty Receptionist




Head of Maths

Enlarged fingerprint samples taken from the victim and staff in the building at the time of the murder

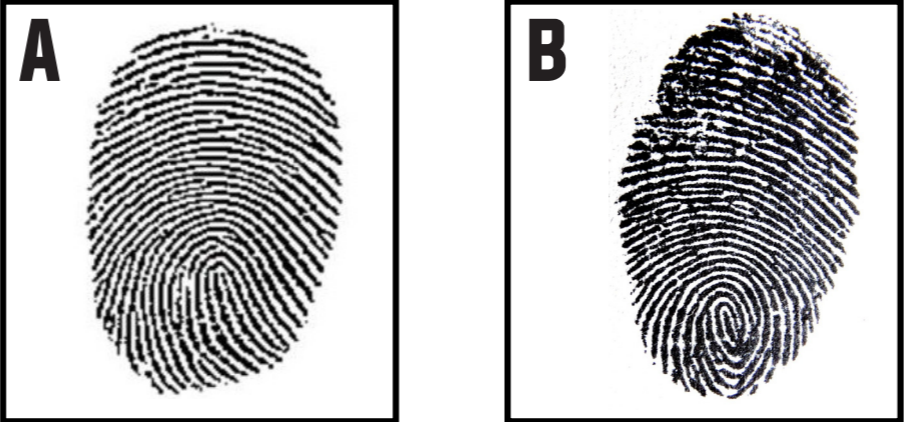
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A **B**



A **B**

Fingerprints lifted from the two glasses

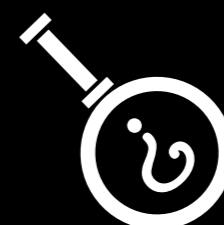
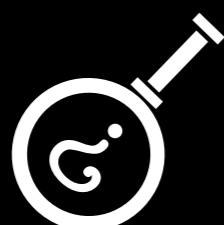
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A lost car key with a key ring attached



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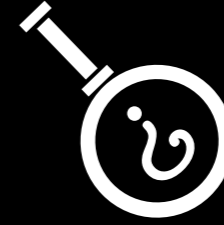
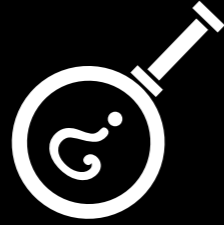


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Miss Terry's handbag and contents

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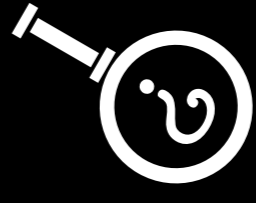
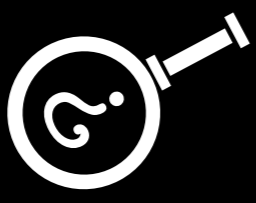




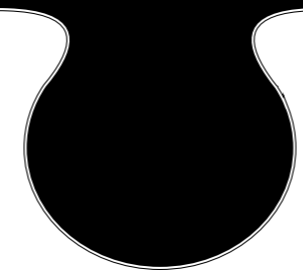
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An empty chemical bottle with
a very faint smell of almonds



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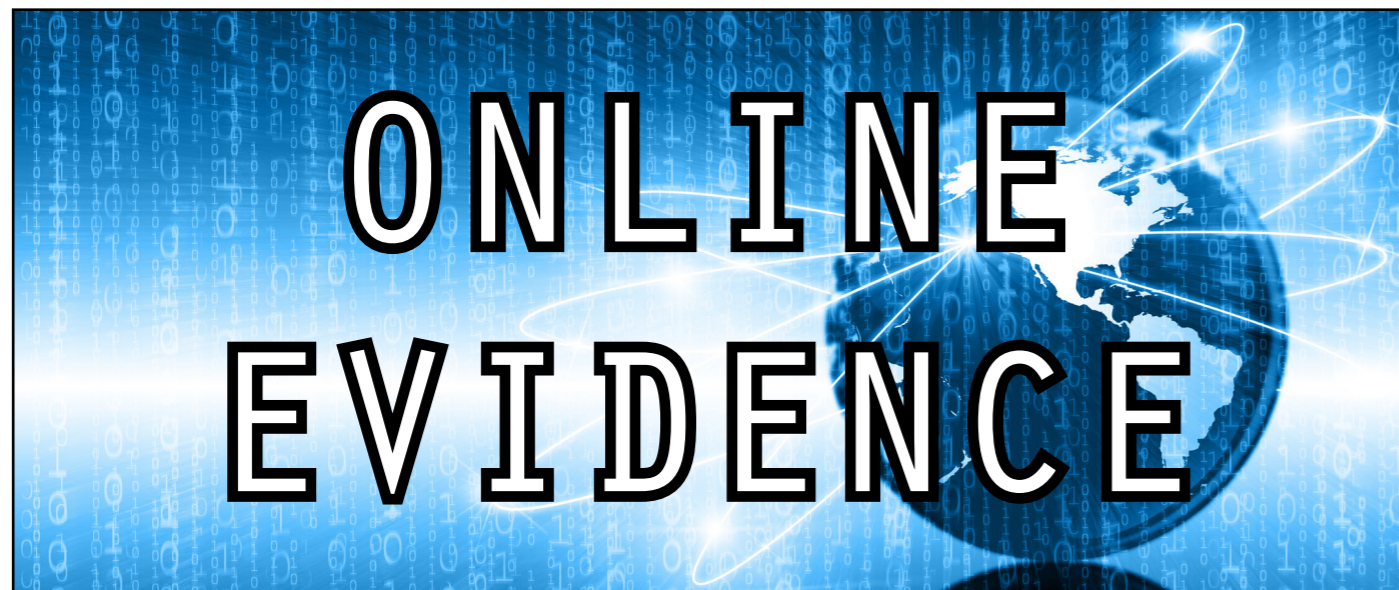


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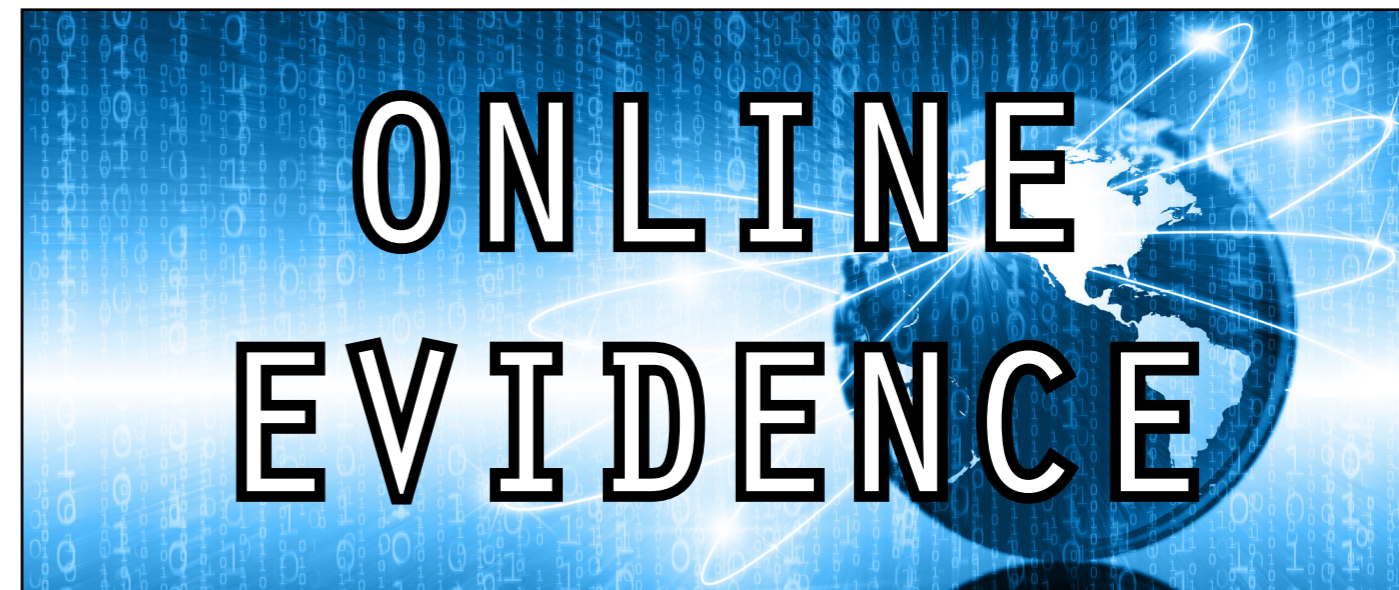
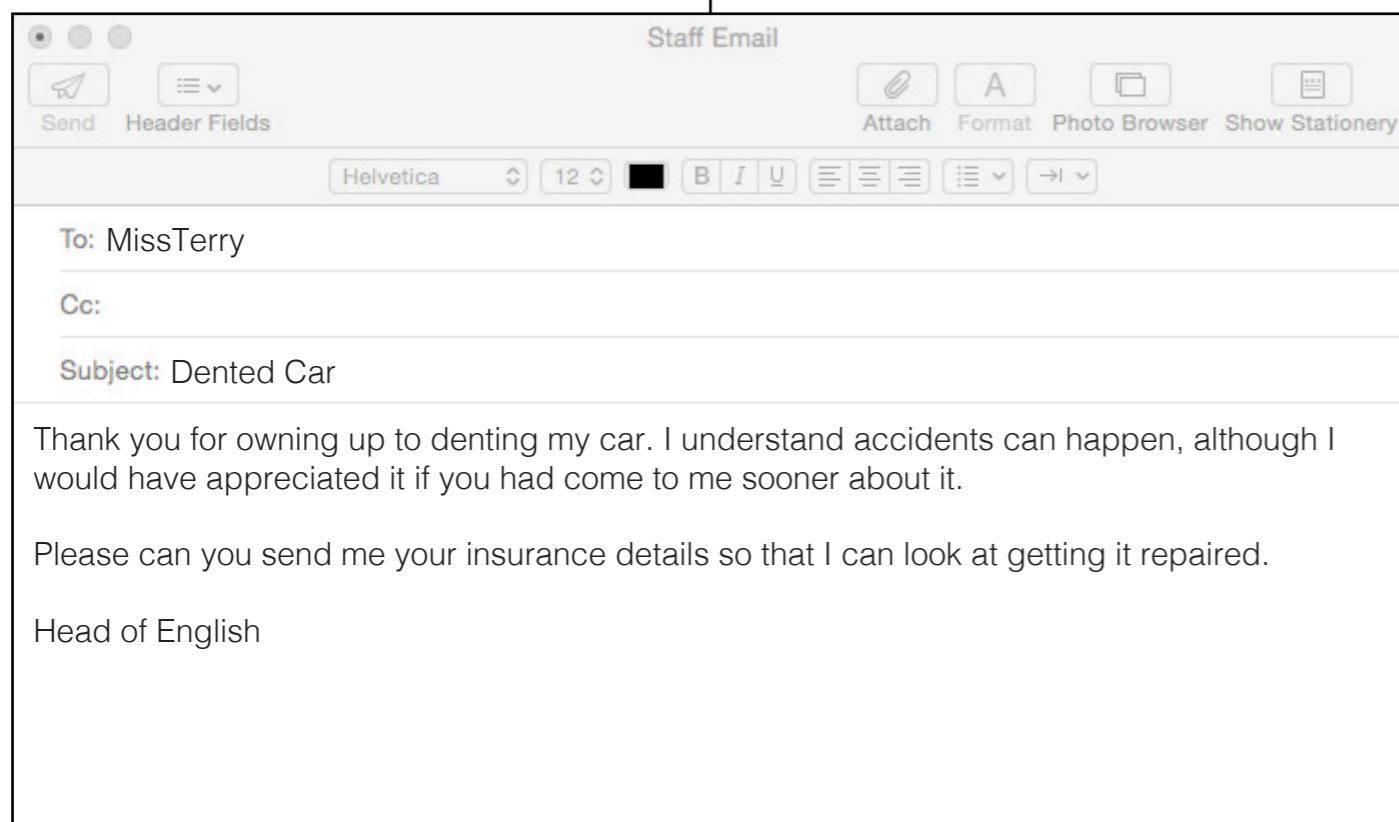
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'Something
wicked
this way comes'
Macbeth: Act 4, Scene 1

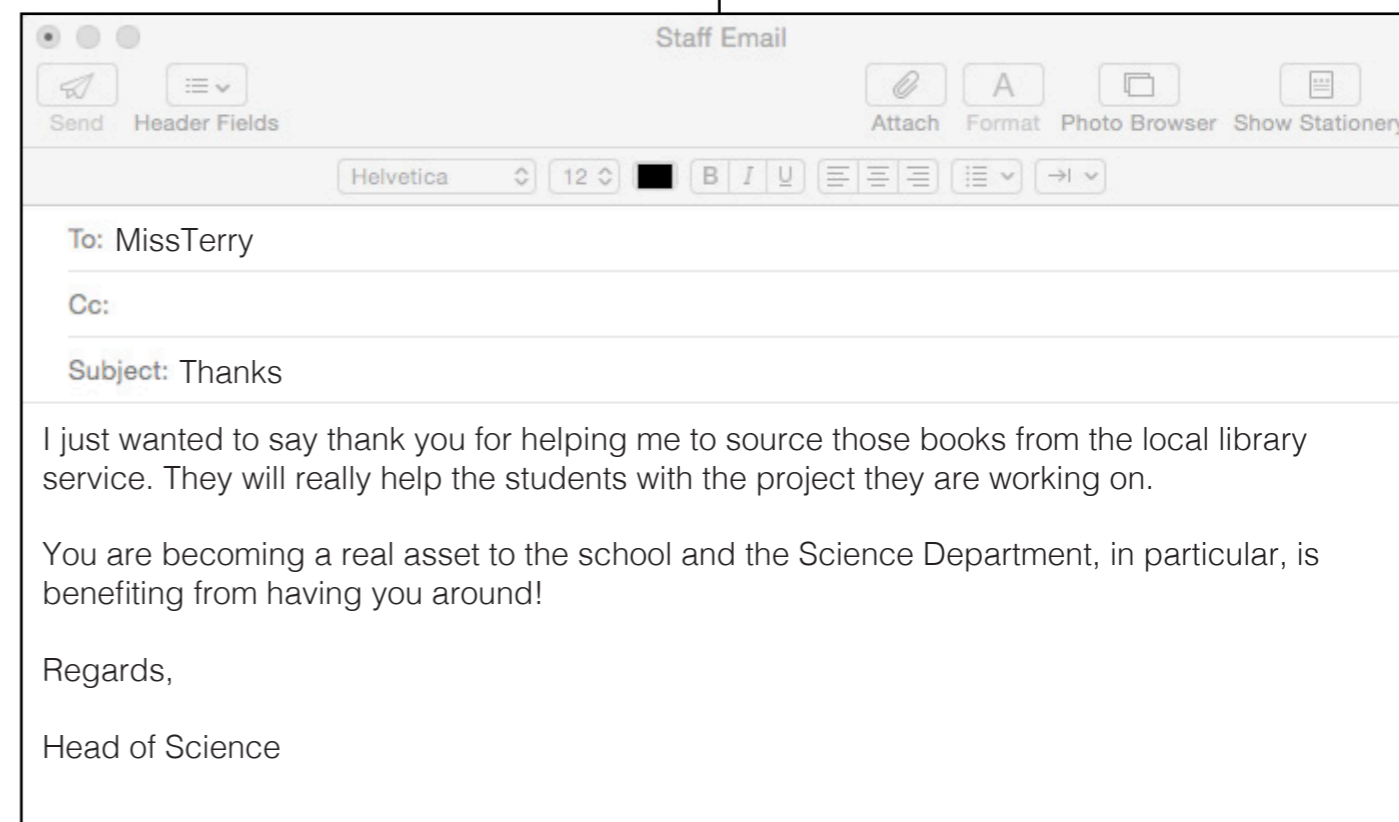
A button badge that appears to have been forcibly removed. The back of the badge has been ripped off.



SENT:
25 DAYS PRIOR TO MURDER



SENT:
3 DAYS PRIOR TO MURDER





SUSPECT STATEMENT

Head of English (handwritten)

Although I really didn't know Miss Terry that well, I am shocked by this crime. I just can't think of who would want to do such a thing.

I had not been in the library at all on the day of the murder. After lessons had finished, I ran my usual Wednesday 'Book Club' in the English Department, starting at 4:00 pm. It was attended by approximately 20 students and we read and discussed some of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime' together.

The club finished at 5:00 pm and I stayed in school for around another 45 minutes to complete some marking. I only learnt of what had happened when I was leaving and saw the police cars in the car park.



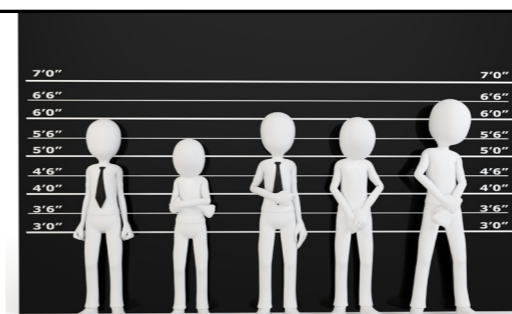
SUSPECT STATEMENT

Librarian (handwritten)

I can't believe my fantastic friend Miss Terry is dead! She was such a superb assistant and I really don't know how I will do without her.

It's true we'd had some disagreements recently and I wanted to make it up with her. On the afternoon of the murder, at about 3:50 pm, I saw her reading in the library. I decided to present her with a box of chocolates and a card by way of apology. We had a nice chat for nearly an hour and I left for home at around 4:45 pm, feeling that we were on better terms.

It was only the next morning that I learnt that Miss Terry had been murdered.



SUSPECT STATEMENT

Head of Science (handwritten)

Miss Terry was an excellent colleague and I am struggling to come to terms with what has happened. She was always so kind and helpful, even assisting me in sourcing some Science fact books from local libraries.

On the afternoon of her death, I had been working on preparing some revision materials for my students. I was due to attend a teaching awards ceremony at 4:30 pm but was so engrossed in what I was doing that I didn't notice the time until 4:15 pm. Realising how late I was, I dashed off and almost ran into the Librarian (who was also in a hurry), whilst heading through reception.

I managed to make it to the ceremony before it started and didn't learn of what had happened to Miss Terry until the next morning.



WITNESS STATEMENT

Duty Caretaker

On the day of the murder, I was crossing the school carpark at around 4.30, when I heard the sound of a car engine revving. Without warning a vehicle came racing around a corner and only just missed me. I would say that they were doing at least 50 mph!

I can't believe anyone could drive like that in a school carpark. What if they had hit one of the students? Unfortunately, I didn't get a look at the driver but I did take down the car's numberplate - W458 MBW.

If it turns out that it was member of staff driving, then something needs to be done! That sort of driving is only going to end in disaster!



CORONER'S REPORT

REPORT	NAME OF DECEASED Martha Stella Terry		IDENTIFIED Yes	UNIDENTIFIED	CASE NO 21838	
	REPORTED BY Duty Caretaker	PHONE NO 07730 192432	LEAD AGENCY CID		REFERENCE NO 502834536	
	INVESTIGATOR DCI S.Tudent	CALL TIME Wednesday 5.30 pm	CASE TYPE Investigative			
DECEDENT	EST TIME OF DEATH Wednesday 4.25 pm	DATE OF BIRTH 10.02.1990	AGE 25	GENDER Female	RACE W British	MARITAL S Single
	OCCUPATION Library Assistant	EMPLOYER School	HGT & WGT 70 180	EYE COL Brown	HAIR COL Blonde	
	PRELIMINARY SUMMARY The initial examination indicates that the deceased died from some form of poisoning. The dark red skin colour displayed by the deceased indicates burst capillaries under the skin, which would suggest difficulty in processing oxygen. Bruising to the hands, arms and legs would also indicate the possibility of seizures before death occurred.					
DEATH	MANNER Suspicious		DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY Dr J.Hyde			
	POSSIBLE CAUSE (A)		Poisoning			
	POSSIBLE CAUSE (B)		Asphyxiation			
	POSSIBLE CAUSE (C)					
	POSSIBLE CAUSE (D)					

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CARD ONE



How might you be able to link the red shoe, Miss Terry's tweet and the receptionist's witness statement?



What is interesting about the front of the card found near the victim? Compare it to what was written inside.



What is significant about the handwriting on the confession note?

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CARD TWO



How many times can you find South Africa mentioned in the clues? Is there something significant about it?



Almond cordial is an unusual drink to offer someone. Why this particular drink?



What do you notice about the title of the librarian's last email?

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CARD THREE



How many chocolates are missing from the box of chocolates? What might that therefore suggest?



An ice cube tray is an unusual object to find in a library. What other objects might it be used in conjunction with?



Whose car key is it? Does the car key link to a witness statement in any way?

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CARD FOUR



Can you link the smell of almonds in the poison bottle to any other clues?



Why have those particular letters been circled in the page torn from the victim's book? Might it be an anagram?



Several books on the library order form have the same theme. What is the theme and why order so many of this type?

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CARD FIVE



Could the cleaner's observation about how the librarian drank her drink link to any other clues?



Why are there so many shoe magazines in the library? How might this link to Miss Terry's tweet?



What does the Headteacher's reaction to the librarian's final email suggest?

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CARD SIX



Can you link the information in the coroner's report to the poisons research sheet?



What do you notice about the wording of the card that the librarian wrote to Miss Terry?



Has the library telephone sign been altered in any way? Who might have done this and why?