

Year 5/6 pupils – Writing Detective Stories

Date of course	Times	Venue	Cost	Max. places	Subject
Monday 20 th January 2025	9.30am – 3.30pm	Braeside Education Centre	£60	16	Literacy AGAT

Course details

A day of imaginative storytelling and puzzle-solving. Participants will create their own detective characters and mystery plots and build their ideas into a longer piece of writing. They will learn about constructing puzzles and seeding clues and red herrings. They will find out about fictional genres and how to surprise readers. Participants will be guided by an experienced writer in the field using inspiration from the popular 'Sherlock Bones' series.

Guidance criteria for identifying participants:

- Attendees should be interested in creative writing.
- Attendees should be able to sustain their focus on writing.
- Attendees should enjoy problem-solving.
- Attendees should be able to work confidently, both individually and in small groups

Course Tutor

Tim Collins has had over 100 books published over the last two decades. His *Sherlock Bones* series features a canine detective cracking crimes in an animal world, and blends stories with puzzles. He won the Children's Literature Festivals Young Readers award in 2024 and has run workshops in a range of schools and literary festivals.

As a result of attending the course you will have:

- Written and edited a detective story.
- Had the opportunity to share your work with your peers.
- Created and solved puzzles.
- Learnt about devising characters.
- Learnt about fictional genres and tropes.
- Developed your problem-solving skills.
- Had feedback from an experienced author.

Students should bring:

- Pencil case
- Notebook
- Water bottle
- Clothing suitable for being outdoors at breaktimes

Lunch & refreshments are provided.

School uniform is not required.

No mobile phones.