Year 10 Forensic Science Incursion – Crime Scene Investigation

A Forensic Science – Crime Scene Investigation incursion was organised by Mr Debrincat for 53 Year 10 Science students on Wednesday 4/3/2015. It was held in the School Hall during Periods 1 and 2.

Students were initially debriefed on a crime that occurred (not a real crime) and were shown an image of the crime scene. They were then given the opportunity to examine and interpret evidence found at the crime scene to then compare to the control samples taken from the suspects. They then used their findings to slowly build a case against one of the suspects, whilst eliminating others from suspicion.

At the end of the activity, students were given the opportunity to dress up in Forensic Investigator Jumpsuits and lay in a body bag – creepy!!!

The facilitator (Pheobe – Crime Scene Officer) of today’s event was very impressed with our students at MHS. Apparently, at the most, 1 to 2 groups were ever able to solve the crime from the schools that she has presented to. But at MHS there were 4 groups that were able to solve the crime – well done guys!! – watching too much CSI probably had something to do with it?

The timing of this activity was crucial, as Yr10 students will be soon going through the process of subject selection for Yr11 2016 and we wanted to provide the Science students at MHS with the opportunity to experience what it would be like to be a Forensic Scientist for a day and maybe encourage them to think about pursuing a future career in this area.

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