

Awarded gold in the Sheffield school games 2022/23



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am aware of an article published in 'The Star' over the summer in regards to an event that the Handsworth Sports College will be hosting in November. The article published was quite misleading and I felt it was prudent to update you personally on what the event entails and also the educational value of such a production.

The Post-mortem Live is a national touring educational experience, built to enhance an understanding in anatomy, physiology and pathology. The event is run nationally and over the previous academic year over 200 shows were run, with around 30,000 people attending. Post-mortem Live has also featured on the BBC, ITV and the Discovery channel.

The show is a unique, immersive and interactive live experience, that offers participants the chance to take part in a recreated post-mortem experience. Devised by award winning human anatomist and qualified teacher Sam Piri, the shows main aim is to contextualise how the human body works into a practical hands-on learning experience. The show uses real life cases to explore the forensic processes used to evidence the cause of death and identify the victims as well as piece together the actions of the guilty.

Post-Mortem Live is a cutting-edge immersive experience that uses simulation and state of the art special effects to recreate a post-mortem experience. All organs used are porcine in origin. Images used are for illustrative purposes only. **No real human bodies or organs are used in this experience.** Please can we reassure you that this event is in no way related to cannibalism or the eating of human organs as was advertised in 'The Star'.

This live event is offered by many universities as a crucial part of their undergraduate course, the National Student Survey results show that students really value this learning experience on their biosciences courses. It is also used by NHS Sheffield to offer dissection-based anatomy CPD to staff.

Who can attend?

- Any current or training healthcare professional
- Any student at any university
- The general public aged 18+
- Students aged 14-17 if accompanied by an adult
- School and college/6th form groups

We have been offered a number of free tickets for the show and our Head of Science, Craig Fox, will be managing this within school, further details to follow. The show will be an excellent experience for any person interested in pursuing a career in forensic science and pathology.



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I do hope that this has clarified the situation. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us further, or if you would like more information about the event, please visit the website via the link below.

<https://www.thepostmortemlive.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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