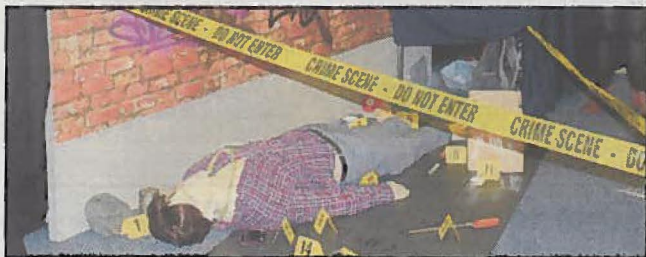


# Year 11 students given a taste of vocational courses on offer at Chelmsford College



**PROBE:** Pupils tested their forensic skills at this mock crime scene

## Teens get busy with organising the future

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ALBERT Einstein famously said that "Information is not knowledge" but it is vital in the decision-making process.

When thinking about their next steps, it is important Year 11 students not only get hold of all the information they need but also try to experience as much as they can about the opportunities available to them.

There is no better way of getting the feel of something than trying it out for yourself. First-hand experience counts for a lot –

especially when you are trying to work out what you want to study or do in the future.

At the recent Skills East event at Colchester Five Lakes, the crew from Chelmsford College won the best stand award for their interactive set up where prospective students were able to experience what some of the courses would be like, while some even got the chance to try their hand at presenting the weather using green screen technology.

The Art and Media department at Chelmsford College offers dynamic and challenging courses across a range of media working



**SUNNY PROSPECTS:** These students got a chance to read the weather using the green screen technology used on the television

in purpose built, state-of-the-art facilities.

Students can study fashion and textiles, fine art, design and illustration, games design and interactive media, TV/film making and photography with expert tuition and guidance towards future career plans.

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People really got involved trying to work out "Whodunnit?" on the forensic science stand. Year 11 students practised the skills taught on Chelmsford College's Forensic and Medical Science courses to check blood samples,

take finger prints and use their detective skills to pull together the evidence presented at the scene.

Meanwhile, back at college, the hospitality and catering students were cooking up a storm for a range of events including an evening to showcase The Lee Stafford Hair and Beauty Academy to beauty bloggers.

At this event Lee Stafford himself attended to support the talented staff and students as they demonstrated their skills in beauty and hair treatments and techniques.

At the upcoming information

evening visitors to the academy on Rainsford Road can experience some of the treatments for themselves and find out about the full time, part-time and apprenticeship opportunities that are available at Chelmsford College.

Fiona Byford-Smith, information and guidance adviser at Chelmsford College, said: "Quite often people make choices based on what they may have heard whereas when they visit, students can get a real feel for the place. Our personal approach to impartial information and guidance can help them towards making their choices".

■ Visit Chelmsford College information evening on Monday April 18, 6-8.30pm, and see what's on offer. You might even try making beetroot samosas with lemon and feta, and enjoying the freshly made to order pineapple, mango and orange sorbets. Call 01245 293031 or pre-register at [www.chelmsford.ac.uk](http://www.chelmsford.ac.uk)

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