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Dear Parent / Caregiver

Re: Forensic Science 2016

As part of our studies of Forensic Science in Science students are shown a number of documentaries where re-enactments of crime scenes are shown using actors, in order to show how a crime is solved using police and forensic techniques. They come from series such as ‘Medical Detectives’ and ‘The New Detectives’. Owing to the subject matter some of these are rated ‘M’.

It is my intention to show the class the movie ‘Gattaca’. This film is rated ‘M’ (for mature audiences only) and according to the school’s policy I need your permission for your child to view it. The ‘M’ rating is given for sexual references, minor coarse language, some violence and adult themes.

The film will provide information to the class so that we can study and discuss:
• The use of DNA in Forensic Science
• Future uses of DNA
• Safeguards that need to be in place find a balance between protecting privacy and helping the forces of law and order.

Assessment tasks will include viewing, discussion, giving opinions and writing. The assessment criteria include:
• Student is able to view the film and extract certain themes and communicate them in writing.
• Student can take part in a discussion about the future of DNA and its applications.
• Student is able to express an opinion on how available DNA information should be, and to whom.

Please sign and complete the details on the reply slip below and return to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Judi Crouch            Jacqui van Ruiten
Science Teacher           Principal

Please return to Ms Crouch ASAP - Forensic Science 2016 Study Film

Student’s name…………………………………………………………………………

☐ I give permission for my child to view the documentaries and ‘Gattaca’.
☐ I do not give permission for my child to view the documentaries and ‘Gattaca’ and understand that alternative work will be set.

Signed:…………………………………………… (Parent/Caregiver)  Date: …………………

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