

## Upper 6 psychologists use offender profiling techniques to solve murder case



As part of the forensics unit, Upper 6 psychologists have explored two different techniques to offender profiling. This week, it was the turn of the bottom-up approach which involves examining the geographical locations of crimes and using statistical analysis to make predictions about the likely location of the offender.

Having learned about Canter's circle theory, it was time to put it to the test ourselves by establishing which Disney villain was attacking Disney princesses in the city of New York.

Working on base maps and utilising only the information provided, the class worked in groups to create their own maps of probability, thereby reducing the suspect pool.

The maps that were created showed high accuracy, allowing groups to correctly identify the serial killer in a practical way that generated high level discussion about the topic.

With over 40% of the class choosing to study psychology at university next year, there may well be some future profilers amongst them!

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