

King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy

Whole School Assembly Monday 1st February.
Humanities Faculty



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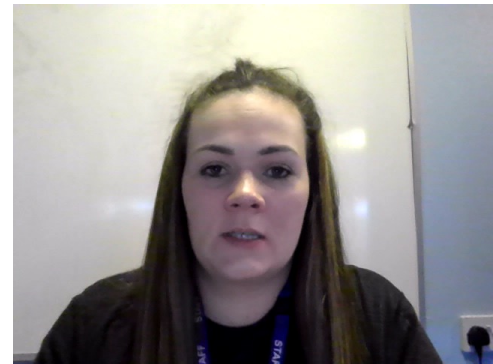


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Before I go on to talk to you about what the theme for this assembly is, please watch this five minute video.

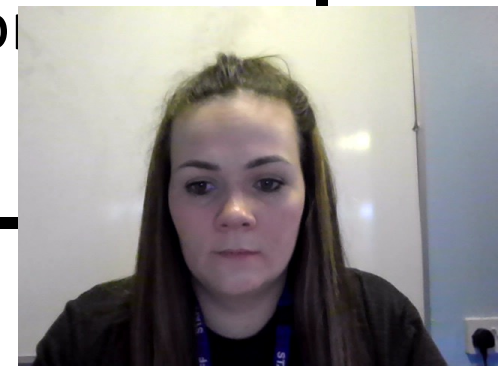
[The Bystander Effect | The Science of Empathy - YouTube](#)





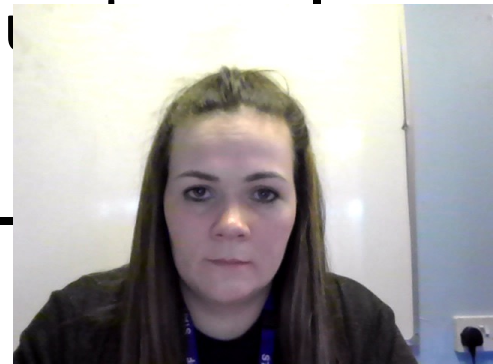
How does the Bystander effect work?

- Someone will notice an event happening where they could intervene
- They look to see the reactions of others
- They assume that if no one else is intervening, they shouldn't either.
- They assume that someone else will help as they are not the best person to.
- End result: no one helps or intervenes.



So why am I telling you this?

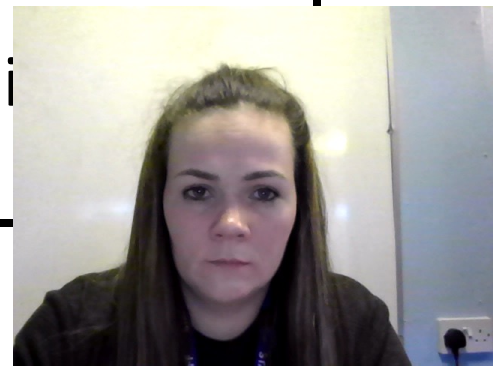
- Last week, Wednesday 27th of January was Holocaust Memorial day.
- A day set up to remember the six million Jews, alongside millions of others who were murdered during the Holocaust.
- As well as millions of others killed due to genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.
- A genocide is the mass-killing of a particular group of people with the aim of destroying that group.
- The 27th of January marks the liberation of Aushwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.



Why did this happen?

- You may ask yourself how did such awful events take place in history?
- Why did people let it happen?
- In the aftermath of the Holocaust lots of questions similar were asked, and those responsible can be categorised in to three groups:
 - perpetrators
 - Collaborators
 - Bystanders

Bystanders were the people that knew it was happening but did nothing.



'Be the light in the darkness'

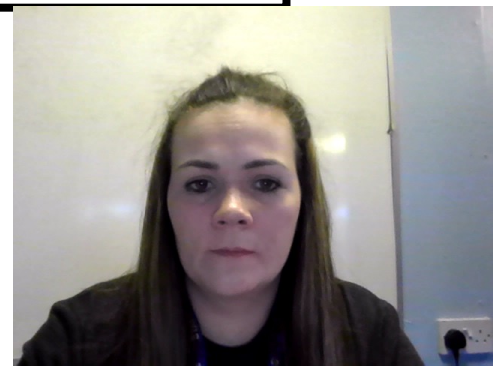


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- HMD 2021's theme is be the light in the darkness.
- Be the one to stand up for what is right and help when it is needed
- Don't follow the crowd – if something doesn't feel right it probably isn't!

Home Challenge:

Create something that shows the theme for this year. It could be a picture/poem something to symbolise light over dark or being a light in the dark.



Links for further reading/research

[Holocaust Educational Trust - Exploring the Holocaust at Home \(het.org.uk\)](https://www.het.org.uk)

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | UK Holocaust Memorial Day: 2021 Ceremony \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk)