

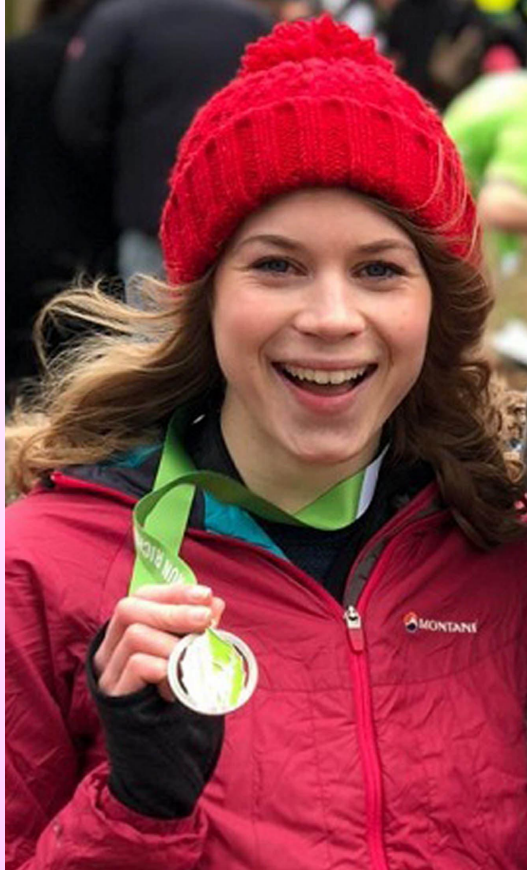
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***LET'S  
TALK ABOUT...***

**Sarah Everard**

# Who was Sarah Everard?



- Sarah was a 33-year-old woman from South London. She went missing on Wednesday, March 3 during the walk back to her home in Brixton from Clapham.
- Sarah worked in marketing; her family members describe her as “bright and beautiful”.
- For many women, the details of Sarah’s story have been a chilling reminder of the fear in the back of their head every time they’re walking alone. Lots of us live nearby or in the streets around the Common where Sarah left her friend. Many have walked her route between Clapham and Brixton countless times in the past. For others, the postcode makes no difference. What does is the story’s reminder of that common fear-factor of walking alone and in the dark, listening out for footsteps or slow-driving cars.

# What do we know about Sarah's murder?

**March 3rd**  
Sarah goes missing after leaving a friend's flat in Clapham.

**March 6th**  
CCTV images of Sarah from the night she was last seen.

**March 9th**  
Police arrest a serving Met Police Officer in connection with Sarah's disappearance. Nick Ephgrave says the fact the man is a serving police officer "is both shocking and deeply disturbing".

**March 12th**  
Police confirm that human remains that were found in Kent woodland on Wednesday are those of Sarah Everard. PC Wayne Couzens, 48, is charged with kidnapping and killing Sarah.

**March 13th**  
Despite the police saying they would deem it a violation of Covid restrictions, hundreds of people gathered for a vigil on Clapham Common to pay tribute to Sarah. Images of police manhandling mourners circulated widely on social media.



# Talk Task 1: Why do you think this incident received so much news coverage?



Talk Task 2: Covid-19 laws ban large gatherings - why do you think that so many people felt it right to attend the vigil despite this?

Was the police response appropriate?





## Talk Task 3: Why do you think that this is an important issue to women?



## Talk Task 4: What can society do to help support women feeling safer?

# What can society do to help support women feeling safer?

Understand what equality means. Treating somebody differently because of their sex is wrong. This includes not giving the same opportunities to girls and boys, and any way in which girls are not treated as boys' equals.

Be respectful. Learn the basics of consent - no means no, and you shouldn't make anyone feel bad for having boundaries.

Be careful about gender stereotyping. Remember we are all individuals, and we all suffer if we're pigeonholed.

Call something out if you see it. This can be hard, but it's one of the most important things that men can do to support women. While we know that not all men mistreat women, not saying anything if a friend makes a sexist comment means you're not being an ally.

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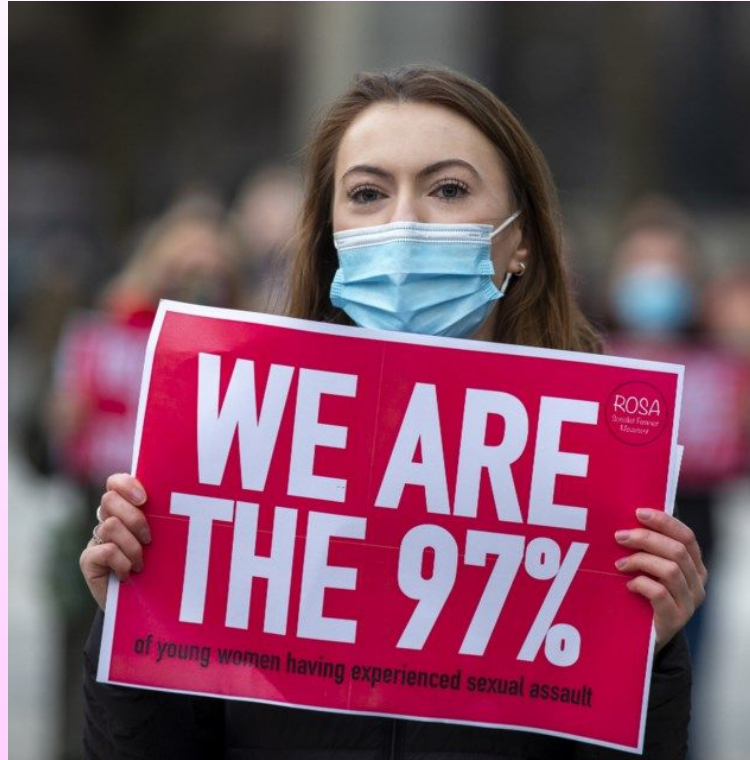
## An investigation by UN Women UK found that:

97%

of women aged  
between 18-24  
have been  
sexually  
harassed.

80%

of women have  
experienced  
sexual  
harassment in  
public spaces.



96%

of victims of  
sexual  
harassment do  
not report it.

45%

of victims  
believe nothing  
would be done if  
they did report  
sexual  
harassment.

**97%.**

**By Mahalia Morgan 8JUG**

97% how can that be?

You, me or her,

There's 1 in 3.

1 in 3 chances you'll get sexually assaulted.

We are fed up, tired and so exhausted.

Misogyny ingrained so deep in society.

Even walking down the street gives us anxiety.

1 comment, 1 whistle off your own accord.

Replays in our heads like a broken record -

Was it my fault? The lyrics repeat.

Watch the moment again in your mind's cinema seat.

Don't blame us for what we cannot change,

It is in you these actions are so ingrained.

When women speak their truth, you want proof, an explanation.

Silence their stories like a bad song on a radio station.

To some women and girls this is all this is all they've known.

'Look there is the street you don't walk down alone.'

There needs to be change, how is this so normalized.

97% still no law has been formalized.



# If you feel affected by sexual harassment where can you go?



- The Young Person's Service at the Gaia centre supports young people impacted by any form of domestic and sexual violence, abuse and harassment, and can offer 1-2-1 virtual support, advice, and guidance.
- In school: Speak to any teacher you trust, or go straight to the Child Protection Officers/safeguarding leads:

Mr Cole

Dr O'Brien-Coker

Mr Cox

Mr Morgan

Ms Rose

Ms Clemenger

Ms Imafidon