

**BIM**

WALTER TULL

1888 - 1918

Not only was Walter Tull the first professional black outfield footballer in Britain, but he was also known to be one of the first British-born black officers in the British Army. Having played for the likes of Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town, Tull enlisted at the start of WW1 and soon demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, bravery and calmness under pressure. Defying the ingrained bigotry of his time, Tull earned a commission as an officer in May 1917 and led white soldiers into battle for the first time in the history of the British army. Walter died on the frontline on 25 March 1918.

TRAILBLAZING FOOTBALLER . WWI HERO

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of John Edmonstone. The image uses a limited color palette of red, yellow, and black. John Edmonstone is depicted from the chest up, wearing a red garment. His face is rendered in yellow with black outlines for his eyes, nose, and mouth. He has a beard and is looking directly at the viewer. The background is a solid blue color with a large, light blue circular shape behind his head.

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JOHN EDMONSTONE

1793 – 1822

John Edmonstone was born into slavery in British Guiana in the late 1700s but died a free man in Britain having taught and influenced one of the greatest men in the history of science, Charles Darwin. Having gained his freedom in 1817, John moved to Edinburgh to teach taxidermy at the university and it was there that he began teaching a 16-year-old Charles Darwin. During his historic voyage aboard the H.M.S Beagle in 1831, Darwin collected and preserved specimens using taxidermy, helping him form his theory of evolution by natural selection.

Darwin used taxidermy to preserve Galapagos goldfinches. The differences he observed between species played an important part in developing the theory of evolution.

EX-SLAVE . TEACHER TO CHARLES DARWIN

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Professor Sir Lenny Henry. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. His face is rendered in a limited palette of black, white, and grey, with a prominent beard and mustache. He has a slight smile and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a solid orange color with a large, dark orange circular shape behind his head.

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PROFESSOR SIR
LENNY
HENRY

1958 –

Sir Lenny Henry is an actor, comedian and campaigner. He became the Chancellor of Birmingham City University in July 2016.

Born in the West Midlands town of Dudley in 1958, Lenny rose to fame through the television shows *Tiswas* and *New Faces*, as well as co-founding the charity Comic Relief. Since then, he has enjoyed an extensive career in film, TV and theatre. In recent years, Sir Lenny has enjoyed widespread acclaim for more dramatic roles, including playing the title role in a stage production of Shakespeare's 'Othello'.

In 2015, made a Sir in the Queen's 2015 Birthday Honours List for services to drama and charity. He was then presented with a special BAFTA award in 2016, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to television.

In academia, Sir Lenny became a Doctor of Philosophy in 2018, for his research investigating the role of black people in the media. In 2020 Sir Lenny was made a visiting Professor of Media Diversity at Birmingham City University.

ACTOR . UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR . ACTIVIST

**BIM****SIR**

LEWIS HAMILTON

MBE**1985 –**

Racing driver, activist, entrepreneur, philanthropist and now movie producer.

Lewis became the first Black Formula 1 world champion and went on to win seven world titles. He supported Black Lives Matter and has funded many projects encouraging young Black kids including Mission 44 and Ignite which focuses on increasing diversity in motorsport. He was awarded both the MBE and a Knighthood by the late Queen.

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BRITISH MOTORSPORTS RACING DRIVER

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NELSON MANDELA

1918 – 2013

Nelson Mandela influenced great change in South Africa that resonated around the world. He was a pioneer in ending white minority rule and fostering post-apartheid reconciliation in the early 1990s. In 1994, he became South Africa's first democratically-elected president and its first black leader. Before becoming president, Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years. He was jailed for standing up to the human rights abuses committed by the apartheid government against black South Africans.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. in shades of yellow, black, and white, set against a large orange circular background. He is wearing a suit and tie, looking upwards and to the right.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

1929 – 1968

An African American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement in the USA

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist, one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. An African American church leader and the son of early civil rights activist and minister Martin Luther King Sr., King advanced civil rights for people of colour in the United States through nonviolence and civil disobedience. Inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi, he led targeted, nonviolent resistance against Jim Crow laws and other forms of discrimination.

Through his leadership, the civil rights movement opened doors to education and employment that had long been closed to black America.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MINISTER . ACTIVIST

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Olaudah Equiano. The portrait is rendered in shades of yellow, green, and black, set against a vibrant red background. Equiano is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark coat with a high collar. His hair is dark and styled in a wig. The overall aesthetic is modern and graphic.

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OLAUDAH EQUIANO

c1745 – 1797

Born in the Kingdom of Benin (modern southern Nigeria), Olaudah Equiano was forced into slavery as a young child. His first master, a Royal Navy officer renamed him 'Gustavus Vassa' and during their eight years together, Equiano learnt to read and write. After being traded two more times, Equiano had saved enough to finally buy his freedom. He then spent his life campaigning for the abolition of slavery, becoming a member of the Sons of Africa abolitionist group and publishing his autobiography, 'The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Or Gustavus Vassa, The African', published in 1789, which depicted the horrors of slavery. The book became a best-seller, aiding the abolitionist cause.

BEST-SELLING AFRICAN WRITER . ABOLITIONIST

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Mary Seacole. The image uses a limited color palette of blue, green, and yellow. Mary Seacole is depicted from the chest up, looking slightly to the right. Her hair is dark and styled in a bun. The background is a solid blue color. The overall style is graphic and modern.

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1805 – 1881

Born to a Scottish soldier father and a Jamaican mother, Mary Seacole had to overcome many prejudices in her life. The War Office declined her request to be sent to the Crimea as a war nurse, so she funded her own way there and established the 'British Hotel' near Balaclava to help look after sick and wounded soldiers. Although her reputation at the time rivalled that of Florence Nightingale, her great work in nursing was mostly forgotten for almost a century after her death. Her autobiography, 'Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands' was published in 1857.

MARY SEACOLE

PIONEERING NURSE . HEROINE OF THE CRIMEAN WAR



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CLAUDIA JONES

1915 – 1964

Born in Trinidad, Jones spent over 30 years living in New York before being deported for being an active member of the American Communist party. After being given asylum in the UK in 1955, Jones began campaigning for equal opportunities for black people, founding Britain's first major black newspaper, 'The West Indian Gazette'. She also played a central role in founding the first Notting Hill Carnival to showcase Caribbean culture and heritage, in response to recent race riots. The event has become Europe's biggest street festival.

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL . WEST INDIAN GAZETTE

**B:M****1945 – 1981**

Robert Nesta Marley OM was a Jamaican singer, musician, and songwriter. Considered one of the pioneers of reggae, his musical career was marked by fusing elements of reggae, ska, and rocksteady, as well as his distinctive vocal and song writing style.

Marley's contributions to music increased the visibility of Jamaican music worldwide, and made him a global figure in popular culture to this day. Over the course of his career,

Marley became known as a Rastafari icon, and he infused his music with a sense of spirituality. He is also considered a global symbol of Jamaican music and culture and identity, and was controversial in his outspoken support for democratic social reforms. In 1976, Marley survived an assassination attempt in his home, which was thought to be politically motivated. He also advocated for Pan-Africanism.

BOB MARLEY

MUSICIAN . PIONEER OF REGGAE

1961 –

When Barack Obama was elected US president in 2008, he became the first African American to hold the office, he served as the 44th president from 2009 to 2017.

As an incoming president, Obama faced many challenges—an economic collapse, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the continuing menace of terrorism. Inaugurated before an estimated crowd of 1.8 million people, Obama proposed unprecedented federal spending to revive the economy and also hoped to renew America's stature in the world. During his first term he signed three signature bills: an omnibus bill to stimulate the economy, legislation making health care more accessible and affordable, and legislation reforming the nation's financial institutions. Obama also pressed for a fair pay act for women, financial reform legislation, and efforts for consumer protection.

In 2009, Obama became the fourth president to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

BARACK OBAMA

FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

**BIM**

ROSA PARKS

1913 – 2005

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott in America.

Rosa Louise Parks is internationally recognised as the “mother of the modern day civil rights movement” in America. Her refusal to surrender her seat to a white male passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, December 1, 1955, triggered a wave of protest on December 5, 1955, that reverberated throughout the United States. Her quiet courageous act changed America, its view of black people and redirected the course of history.

As a role model for youth she was stimulated by their enthusiasm to learn as much about her life as possible. A modest person, she always encourages them to research the lives of other contributors to world peace. The Institute and The Rosa Parks Legacy are her legacies to people of good will.

In September 1996 President Clinton, the forty second President of the United States of America gave Mrs. Parks the MEDAL OF FREEDOM, the highest award given to a civilian citizen.

A quiet exemplification of courage, dignity, and determination; Rosa Parks was a symbol to all to remain free.

AMERICAN ACTIVIST . FIRST LADY OF CIVIL RIGHTS

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Toussaint Louverture. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark, high-collared coat with a white cravat. His right hand is resting on a document or map. The background is a solid light blue. The portrait is rendered in a graphic, almost stencil-like style with bold outlines and flat colors.

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TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE

c1743 – 1803

Toussaint L'Ouverture was a leader of the Haitian independence movement during the French Revolution.

François-Dominique Toussaint Louverture was a Haitian general and the most prominent leader of the Haitian Revolution. During his life, Louverture first fought against the French, then for them, and then finally against France again for the cause of Haitian independence. As a revolutionary leader, Louverture displayed military and political acumen that helped transform the fledgling slave rebellion into a revolutionary movement. Louverture is now known as the "Father of Haiti

Throughout his years in power, he worked to balance the economy and security of Saint-Domingue. Worried about the economy, which had stalled, he restored the plantation system using paid labour; negotiated trade agreements with the United Kingdom and the United States.

HAITIAN GENERAL . LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION

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IGNATIUS SANCHO

c1729 – 1780

Born aboard a slave ship in the Atlantic Ocean, Sancho would arrive on British in bondage. Sancho was an avid reader with a thirst for knowledge and during his lifetime he composed music and wrote a large number of letters – the latter were published two years after his death making him the first African prose writer to have work published in England. After gaining financial independent householder status, Sancho became eligible to vote in 1774, becoming the first Briton of African heritage to vote in parliamentary elections. To many, Sancho was a symbol of the humanity of Africans and the immorality of the slave trade.

WRITER . COMPOSER . BRITAIN'S FIRST BLACK VOTER

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of William Cuffay. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. His hair is dark and receding at the temples. He has a slight smile and is looking directly at the viewer. The background is a solid orange color with a large, lighter orange circular shape behind his head. The overall style is graphic and modern.

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1788 – 1870

The son of a freed slave, William Cuffay became involved in politics when he was fired from his job as a tailor after taking part in the Tailors' Strike of 1834. Convinced that workers needed representation in Parliament, he became a leading figure in the Chartist movement, the first mass popular political movement in Britain. He was transported to Tasmania for allegedly planning an uprising against the British government. Despite a pardon three years later, Cuffay stayed in Tasmania and played an active role in politics there until he died in poverty in 1870.

**WILLIAM
CUFFAY**

LEADING FIGURE IN THE CHARTIST MOVEMENT



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1974 –

Born in 1974 of Ghanaian heritage her powerful activism for LGBTB rights has been significant in the UK.

After studying at Bullsmoor School in Lea Valley it is here she became “politically active” and became active in equality.

In 2005 she co-founded the annual UK Black Pride event which has gone on to become a staple of the LGBTQ+ calendar. It was a telling move in reaction to what she states was “10/11 years, the pain I have felt at being rejected by the wider, mainly white gay LGBTQ+ community, who didn’t and don’t see their privilege whilst blocking Black Pride for wanting to be visible”. In turn she was also appointed Grand Marshall of New York Pride in 2019. She is also the editor of Sista an anthology of writings by LGBT women of African/Caribbean.

In 2016 she was offered an MBE for her work specifically at raising the awareness of blacks within the LGBTQ+ community. Unsurprisingly (perhaps) she rejected the MBE to protest against Britain’s role in formulating anti LGBTQ+ penal codes across its Empire.

Since 2019 Lady Phyll has been Executive Director of Kaleidoscope aimed at fighting for the rights of LGBTQ+.

**PHYLL
OPOKU-
GYIMAH**

POLITICAL ACTIVIST

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Evelyn Dove. She has short, dark, wavy hair and is looking slightly to the left. She is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored top. The background is a solid orange color with a large, dark, circular shape behind her head. In the top left corner, there is a black circle with the text 'B:M' in orange. In the top right corner, there is a white hexagon with the text 'BBC' in black. In the bottom right corner, the name 'EVELYN DOVE' is written in large, bold, orange letters. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the text 'FIRST BLACK SINGER ON BBC RADIO' in white.

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BBC

1902 – 1987

As the first Black singer on BBC radio, Evelyn Dove broke cultural barriers and opened doors for her successors in the entertainment industry. After graduating from the Royal Academy of Music, the incredibly talented Dove soon became aware of the prejudices within the classical music scene and decided to instead focus on jazz and cabaret shows. After touring Europe, her fame reached new heights in 1939 when she began performing on BBC Radio - one show of hers became so popular it was turned into a TV programme.

**EVELYN
DOVE**

FIRST BLACK SINGER ON BBC RADIO

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Diane Abbott. She is depicted from the chest up, wearing a light blue blazer over a red top. Her hair is dark with bangs, and she is wearing glasses. The background is a solid dark red with a large, lighter red circular shape behind her head. The overall style is graphic and modern.

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DIANE ABBOTT

1953 –

After graduating from the University of Cambridge with an MA in history, Abbott worked as a civil servant and a reporter before deciding to run as Labour's candidate for the Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituency in 1987. She won the vote making history in the process, becoming the first black woman to be elected to Parliament. She served as Labour's Shadow Home Secretary from 2016-2020 and is currently the longest-serving black MP in the House of Commons.

BRITAIN'S FIRST BLACK FEMALE MP

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OLIVE MORRIS

1952 – 1979

Morris would live for just 27 years but would achieve more in her short life than many do in an entire lifetime. She co-founded the Brixton Black Women's Group, one of this country's first networks for black women, as well as being a founding member of the Organisation of Women of Asian and African Descent (OWAAD). Fighting for racial, gender and social equality in the late 1960s and throughout the following decade, Olive Morris made her mark in Britain before passing away of non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Margaret Busby. She is shown from the chest up, smiling, with her head tilted slightly. Her hair is dark and voluminous. The background is a bright orange circle. The overall style is graphic and modern.

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MARGARET BUSBY

1944 –

The Ghanaian born Busby became the UK's youngest and first black female book publisher in the 1960s when she co-founded the London-based publishing house Allison and Busby. She compiled the ground-breaking anthology *Daughters of Africa* – a compilation of literature by more than 200 women from Africa and the African diaspora. Throughout her career, Busby has campaigned for greater diversity within the publishing and arts industries.

BRITAIN'S FIRST BLACK FEMALE PUBLISHER

A portrait of Bukayo Saka, an English footballer, wearing a white England national football team jersey with the Three Lions crest. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a solid blue color.

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BOUKAYO SAKA

ENGLISH FOOTBALLER

2001 –

Boukayo Saka is a successful English footballer who also plays for England and Arsenal.

He is perhaps more well-known however for having missed a penalty for England in the finals of 2020 Euros.

As a 19 year old at the time he received a torrent of racial abuse after the match, however, fans rallied around him and he was applauded by fans even from rival teams at matches later on.

He will now represent England at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The BIM logo consists of the letters 'BIM' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a light blue circle. The background of the entire page is a solid blue color with a large, stylized portrait of William Wilberforce in the center. The portrait is rendered in a high-contrast, graphic style with yellow and red tones. The portrait shows Wilberforce from the chest up, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The background behind the portrait is a large, light blue circle.

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WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

1759 – 1833

Wilberforce is remembered as a leader of the abolition campaign in British history.

William Wilberforce was a deeply religious English member of parliament and social reformer who was very influential in the abolition of the slave trade and eventually slavery itself in the British empire.

"So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did the [slave] trade's wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for abolition. Let the consequences be what they would: I from this time determined that I would never rest until I had effected its abolition."

An evangelical Christian and social reformer, Wilberforce dedicated himself to the 'suppression of the Slave Trade and the reformation of manners'. He entered Parliament in 1780 as a Tory MP and was the Parliamentary leader of the Abolition movement from 1787. After years of campaigning, Wilberforce's bill to end Britain's part in slave trading was passed to a standing ovation in 1807. A further act of 1833 provided for the emancipation of slaves in British colonies.

ABOLITIONIST . MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

**B:M****1979 –**

Born in Kenya in 1979, Vanessa Kingori initially studied in the Caribbean island of St Kitts. She then moved to London where she completed her studying at the Royal Holloway College of the University of London where she studied BA Management and Sociology.

Since taking her first media related job at the Evening Standard, Vanessa has risen up the ranks seemingly having the Midas touch in whatever she turns her hands to.

She was appointed Publisher of British GQ across all platforms and in 2016 GQ saw its most successful year in over a decade. She was duly recognised-with an MBE

She gained further kudos receiving an award for the Media Mogul of the Year at the 2017 Black Magic Awards. And she was appointed Publishing Director of all British Vogue platforms the first female publishing director in its over 100-year history.

She led the #ShareTheMic UK campaign in 2020 to highlight the accomplishments and contribution of high achieving Black women. She also spearheads a fund to support women entrepreneurs in tech and business.

She reached the pinnacle of her industry in 2021 being appointed Chief Business Officer across the entire British company, covering all Conde Nast British brands-it is no mean feat.

Importantly through her work she has helped to forge the path for other women of black origins to aim high.

VANESSA KINGORI

MBE**CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER, CONDÉ NAST BRITAIN**

THE RIGHT REVEREND
**ROSE
HUDSON-
WILKIN**
MBE QHC

1961 –

While the church has always had a male dominated outlook Rose stated she found an overwhelming sense of “this is what I was called to do”. With such an overwhelming calling it is perhaps not surprising that any barriers to achieving this calling were overcome.

Born in Montego Bay in 1961 she studied at the Montego Bay High School before embarking at the age of 14 into the ministry.

She came to the UK in 1982, to initially train at the Church Army college in the West Midlands. She then trained at the West Midlands Ministerial Training Course becoming a deacon in the Church of England at Petertide 1991.

Over the years she has steadily taken on different roles increasing the respect and kudos given to her by peers and others alike.

She was the Chaplain To The Speaker of the House Of Commons in 2019 and vicar at Westminster Abbey. Significantly she became the first black woman to be the Chaplain to the late Queen and in 2019 she also became the first black woman to become a Church of England Bishop.

She was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2020 New Year Honours for “services to young people and the Church”.

FIRST BLACK FEMALE BISHOP, CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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SIR
STEVE
RODNEY
MCQUEEN
CBE

BRITISH MOVIE DIRECTOR

1969 –

McQueen was born on the 9th October 1969 in London to a Grenadian mother and a Trinidadian father. He grew up in Ealing, West London and went to Drayton Manor High School.

He took A-level art at Ealing, Hammersmith, and West London College, then studied Art and Design at Chelsea College of Arts and then Fine Art at Goldsmiths College, University of London, where he first became interested in film.

In 2008, his first feature-length film *Hunger*, about the 1981 Irish hunger strike, premiered at the Cannes Film Festival. McQueen received the *Caméra d'Or* (first-time director) Award at Cannes, the first British director to win the award.

His adaptation of Solomon Northup's 1853 slave narrative memoir with *12 Years a Slave* (2013) that his status as a globally renowned director was achieved. The film went on to win a bevy of awards including Oscars for Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actress.

Bringing things back to the UK after many films in between, McQueen brought the anthology series *Small Axe* in 2019. It was a culturally sensitive (but much needed) series detailing the culturally significant moments pertaining to blacks in the UK. It was riveting and indeed *Mangrove* (from the series) detailed the Mangrove Five injustice.

He was knighted in the 2020 New Year Honours for services to film.



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OZWALD
BOATENG

MBE

FASHION DESIGNER

1969 –

Boateng was born in the Muswell Hill on 28th February 1967, to Ghanaian parents.

When he was 14, he found a summer job sewing linings into suits. While studying computer science at Southgate College at the age of 16, he was introduced to cutting and designing by his girlfriend.

Using his mother's old sewing machine, he started designing and selling to his fellow students, and switched to graduate in fashion and design. He helped a friend to make clothes for a fashion show after receiving praise for his work, he sold his first collection to a menswear shop in Covent Garden.

Some of his first pieces were also sold in Academy on Newburgh Street in 1987. This enabled him to open his first studio in Portobello Road in 1991.

In 1994, he staged his first catwalk presentation during Paris Fashion Week, becoming the first tailor to stage a catwalk show in Paris. The Paris show in 1994 enabled Boateng to open his boutique on Vigo Street, the south end of Savile Row, in 1995. As of November 2019 it remains the only Black-owned store on Savile Row

Synonymous with high end fashion Oswald has gone on to be the by word for class attracting A listers from all over the world. Further than that from 1995 on he has worked with some of the biggest names from Givenchy to Virgin (2004) and British Airways (2018) who both asked him to design their uniform .

He was given his OBE 2006

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Nira Cyril Chamberlain. The image uses a limited color palette of yellow, black, and red, giving it a graphic, almost stencil-like appearance. Chamberlain is depicted from the chest up, wearing a suit and tie, with his hands raised in a gesture. The background is a solid blue with a large, light blue circular shape behind his head.

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1969 –

Nira Chamberlain Jamaican by origins has excelled and become a respected name within the field of maths. Bucking the stereotype that any mathematician must be white he has gone to become one of the most highly respected mathmagicians in the UK.

Born on the 17th June 1969 in Birmingham. Despite a lack of encouragement from his teachers, he studied a BSc in Mathematics at Coventry Polytechnic, graduating in 1991. He then moved to Loughborough University, where he achieved an MSc in Industrial Mathematical Modelling in 1993. In 2014, he completed a PhD at Portsmouth University, titled Extension of the gambler's ruin problem played over networks.

Since his PhD he has gone on to become the 'first' Black mathematician to join the exclusive list of living British mathematicians to feature in the biographical reference book Who's Who. His Mathematics paper entitled Long Multiplication and Percentages without a Calculator.

He was awarded the OBE in the 2022 New Year Honours for services to mathematical sciences and regularly features on Powerlist, an annual publication celebrating the 100 most influential British people from African and African Caribbean heritage.

**NIRA CYRIL
CHAMBERLAIN**

OBE MATH

MATHEMATICIAN

**BIM****2001 –**

Born in South-East London to Jamaican parents, Martin is a Consultant Vascular and Trauma Surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust, where he is also the Lead for Trauma Surgery, Educational Lead for Surgery, and the Trauma Network lead for violence reduction.

Martin has lived and worked in London the majority of his life, training at the Medical School of St Bartholomew's Hospital where he graduated with a distinction in surgery. He teaches undergraduate medical students at Barts Medical School and Brighton and Sussex Medical School and teaches on the faculty of numerous courses at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Martin has been a passionate advocate of diversity and equality having worked in the community to promote this for over 15 years. He was recently appointed as the first ambassador to the Mary Seacole Trust. This charity celebrates the life and achievements of Mary Seacole, a Jamaican born nurse who treated troops in the Crimean war. It promotes her as a role model, tackling social challenges and inequality with a focus on youth engagement and the promotion of good citizenship.

Martin was awarded the Hero Doctor award at this year's NHS Heroes Awards, named by the Evening Standard as one of the 1,000 most influential Londoners.

His most important work coming in the face of what many are calling a knife epidemic. As a Trauma Consultant he has seen the devastation knife crime can cause. He was appointed the Clinical Director for Violence Reduction to help prevent stabbings and other violent crime.

He was awarded the CBE in 2021.

MARTIN GRIFFITHS

LEAD TRAUMA SURGEON . CLINICAL DIRECTOR NHS

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MARGARET EBUNOLUWA ADERIN-POCOCK

MBE

1968 –

Born to Nigerian parents on the 9th March 1968 in Camden Maggie has become a powerhouse within the scientific world.

Despite suffering with dyslexia she was academically very gifted. She studied at La Sainte Union Convent School in North London. She gained four A-Levels in Maths, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology before going to Imperial College gaining a BSC in Physics (1990) followed by her PHD in Mechanical Engineering.

Perhaps more than many her achievements in the scientific world

are huge considering the potential barriers to success due to her gender and race. Indeed Maggie recounts that when she said to a teacher, she wanted to be an astronaut she was told to do nursing as that was scientific too.

Regardless of those potential barriers Margaret has used her science background to rise up through the scientific world on merit to be a highly respected scientist.

Through that respect she has been awarded a multitude of scientific awards and Honorary Doctorates. She was awarded an MBE in 2009 for Services to Science and Science Education, 2013 Yale University

Centre for Dyslexia "Out of the box thinking award, 2014 Honorary Doctor of Science, University of Bath and more recently, 2020 Institute of Physics Lord Kelvin Medal for her public engagement in physics.

Of course fame has now landed at her door presenting programmes on TV but perhaps the most prestigious is the presenter of the Sky At Night. The show an institution in its own right presented for many decades by the indomitable Patrick Moore.

Maggie has succeeded in that endeavour, and she is a staple of the UK scientific world.

BRITISH SPACE SCIENTIST . SCIENCE EDUCATOR



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1997 –

At still only 24, Marcus Rashford has bucked the stereotypical view of footballers and achieved an immense amount for his club, the England team, and the wider community.

Born in Manchester in 1997 he grew up with his four older siblings. He attended Ashton-on-Mersey School, where he studied for a Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) National Diploma in Sport.

He made his international debut for the England in 2016 starting in a warm-up game against Australia. He scored a goal just after the 3 minutes from the start which eventually led to a 2-1 victory.

At the age of 18, he became the youngest English footballer to represent the team in any European championships beating the record which was previously held by Wayne Rooney.

His outside influences out of football are however what set him apart with his charity exploits and his philanthropic endeavours.

October 2019, Rashford set up the In the Box campaign with Selfridges to give homeless people essential items over the Christmas period and was a vocal voice against the governments plans to stop free school meals. Rashford wrote an open letter to the UK government calling on them to end UK child poverty. A day later, the government announced a change in policy regarding the extension of free school meals for children during the summer holidays. 1 September, in an attempt to tackle child food poverty, Rashford announced that he had set up the Child Food Poverty Task Force in collaboration with several UK food shops, manufacturers, charities and delivery companies. He was awarded the MBE and Campaigner Of The Year by GQ 2020.

**MARCUS
RASHFORD** **MBE**

FOOTBALLER . CAMPAIGNER . ACTIVIST



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1977 –

Born on the 23rd August 1977 in Ghana Accra before moving to the UK Frimley, Surrey, England where he attended to study acting, graduating in 2000.

He began his acting career on television in 2002 when he played Orlando Figes in the Judge John Deed episode Everyone's Child. Since then, he has had roles in TV series such as Little Britain, Star Stories (from 2006 till 2008), Taking the Flak, Sirens, Holby City, Father Brown and more.

His first major theatre lead came in 2005, when he played Ken in Mustapha Matura's Playboy of the West Indies at the Tricycle Theatre

Currently starring in the musical Tina as Ike Turner at the Aldwych Theatre winning a Laurence Olivier Award Best Actor in a Musical award.

He was appointed (MBE) in the 2020 for services to drama and was recognised as one of the United Kingdom's most influential people of African or African Caribbean heritage when Holdbrook-Smith was included in the 2021 edition of the annual Powerlist.

**KOBNA
KUTTAH
HOLDBROOK
-SMITH**

MBE

ACTOR . LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD

1928 – 2022

The 1963 campaign, which lasted four months, mobilised people across the city to stop using Bristol Omnibus Company buses because of its refusal to hire black and Asian people. At the time, a “colour bar” in Britain meant that people from minority ethnic backgrounds could legally be banned from housing, employment and public places.

The protests that followed not only forced the company to change its policies, but paved the way in passing the Race Relations Act of 1965 and 1968. Roy was appointed an MBE in 2020.

Roy, who once said he was “born an activist”, grew up in Trench Town in Kingston, Jamaica. He moved to Britain in 1952, living in Liverpool, London and Wolverhampton, before settling in Bristol.

He described his early years in the UK as a “dog’s life”, due to the difficulty in finding employment and housing. “Housing was the biggest problem, because they was strictly against us,” Roy had previously told the Guardian.

Roy helped organise the bus boycott alongside Owen Henry, Audley Evans, Prince Brown and Paul Stephenson. Partly inspired by the US civil rights movement, and the successful bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, in which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, the group marshalled the city’s 3,000-strong Caribbean community into action.

Roy went on to co-found the Commonwealth Coordinated Committee, which set up Bristol’s St Pauls Carnival in 1968. The group’s campaigns applied pressure on the local council to act on housing and employment. The committee still runs today as the Bristol West Indian Parents and Friends Association.

ROY HACKETT

MBE



CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST . CAMPAIGNER



B:M

Born in East London, Jason Black aka J2K initially started out as a footballer for Leyton Orient. In 2003 he quit Leyton Orient to become a grime rapper with some of the biggest names like Dizze Rascal, Chipmunk, Tinchy Stryder and more. But in the outfit Roll Deep set up by the god father of Grime Wiley that he had true success.

In that juncture, J2K put out mixtapes- Heat In the Street 2003 and Who Am I (2007) and put out Wake Up 2009, NowPlaying 2, 2011, and LL Cool J 2013.

It has been a while since Jason put out music but that is due to his new ventures in business.

Jason states he has always been creative and was always looking for businesses and now he has become the co-founder of Crep Protect and co-owner of Crepe and Cones. A business providing treatment to keep trainers "box-fresh".

JASON BLACK

CREP PROTECT AND CONES . CREPE AND CONES



B:M

LYNETTE YIADOM- BOAKYE

BRITISH ARTIST . WRITER

1977 –

Lynette Yiadom-Boakye is a British artist and writer acclaimed for her enigmatic portraits of fictitious black people. She is quoted as saying of her art, “suggestions of people...They don’t share our concerns or anxieties. They are somewhere else altogether.”

Lynette has been one of the UK’s most successful black artists for well over a decade with beautiful paintings like; *The Generosity* (2010), *Trapsprung* (2013) and *Leave A Brick Under The Maple* (2015), a life-size portrait of a standing man which sold for nearly \$1 million.

It is no wonder that she has subsequently been awarded prestigious accolades and awards from shortlisting for the Turner Prize (2013) to winning the prestigious Carnegie International Award (57th Edition) in 2018.

Ultimately Lynette is clearly a creative and so her occasional forays into the written word are not that surprising. She often uses short stories and prose to accompany her artwork but has also said of herself “writes the things she doesn’t paint and paints all the things she doesn’t write”.



B:M

MARVIN REES

1972 –

Marvin Rees was first elected mayor in May 2016. On that day, Bristol became the first major European city to have elected a mayor of black African heritage.

Marvin Rees was born on the brought up in Bristol, partly in Lawrence Weston and Easton, by his British mother.

He obtained a master's degree in Political Theory and Government at the University of Wales in and a master's degree in Global Economic Development at Eastern University in 2000. Later he completed the World Fellows Program at Yale University.

Rees is the founder and programme lead at the Bristol Leadership Programme, a two-week programme that helps a dozen people annually from impoverished backgrounds to attain what they aspire to.

Since 2016 Reeves has been the mayor to the buzzing and vibrant city of Bristol.

MAYOR OF BRISTOL

DR PATRICK ROACH

1964 –

Patrick Roach born in April 1964 to Jamaican parents was brought up in Walsall. It was a trying and testing time and Roach admits growing up in Walsall with racial tensions at a high “wasn’t a walk in the park”.

Roach attended comprehensive schools and he hoped to become a schoolteacher but did not secure the grades to attend university, so went to Matthew Boulton College obtaining higher grades, he was able to study education at the University of Leicester, before becoming a teacher in colleges of further education. He taught Politics and Sociology and lectured on social policy issues in universities, before working on a range of programmes focusing on teacher education, disaffected, and excluded young people and engaging parents and local communities.

He has a PhD in sociology.

In 2017, Dr Roach penned a response to the government’s Racial Disparity Audit, in which he said that “racial disadvantage and discrimination is widespread within our school system”.

In 2020, he became the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) general secretary.

GENERAL SECRETARY AT NASUWT





B:M

1969 –

Darcus Beese OBE Chief Executive Officer of Island Records.

Born in 1969 he is the son of Barbara Beese and Darcus Howe.

He grew up in Fulham, London, and left school early to work at first in a hairdresser before working as a tea boy promotions department at Island Records before working his way up.

Darcus' story is extraordinary in many ways and perfectly shows that academia is not the only factor in success.

He was awarded an OBE for his services and in his time from 2018 to 2021 as Chief Executive Officer of Island Records, he signed several top musicians including Amy Winehouse, Jessie J, Florence & The Machine, Mumford & Sons, Dizzee Rascal, and Rizzle Kicks.

June 2021 that he joined Warner Music UK as executive vice-president.

In July 2022 Darcus was an executive for Serenade.

**DARCUS
BEESE**
OBE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ISLAND RECORDS



B:M

DANIEL KALUUYA

1989 –

Prominent both on screen and stage, Daniel Kaluuya has received numerous accolades, including an Academy Award, two BAFTA Awards, two Screen Actors Guild Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and nominations for a Primetime Emmy Award and a Laurence Olivier Award.

Born in London in 1989 to Ugandan parents. His star began to rise when he starred in the award winning *Skins* (2007) playing Posh Kenneth.

Subsequent call ups on popular shows like *Doctor Who* on the Planet Of The Dead episodes, *Silent Witness* and *FM* (2009) where he was picked by Screen International Magazine as a UK Star of Tomorrow.

From 2010 Daniel continued to build his stock in theatre with plays such as *Sucker Punch* where he played lead character Leon. He won the Evening Standard Award and Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Outstanding Newcomer.

In 2017 he starred in the amazing *Get Out* (2017). It was critically acclaimed, and he was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actor, received nominations for a BAFTA Award, Critics' Choice Award, Golden Globe Award. In 2018, he received the BAFTA Rising Star Award.

Outside of acting started his own production company called 59% releasing *Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul* (2022).

ENGLISH ACTOR . WRITER

A stylized portrait of Ayuba Suleiman Diallo, a Black man with a beard and a yellow turban, wearing a red garment. The background is a solid yellow-green color. The portrait is rendered in a high-contrast, graphic style with bold outlines and flat colors.

B:M

AYUBA SULEIMAN DIALLO

1701 – 1773

Ayuba Suleiman Diallo was an educated man from a family of Muslim clerics in West Africa. In 1731 he was taken into slavery and sent to work on a plantation in America. By his own enterprise, and assisted by a series of spectacular strokes of fortune, Diallo arrived in London in 1733. Recognised as a deeply pious and educated man, in England Diallo mixed with high and intellectual society, was introduced at Court and was bought out of slavery by public subscription. In the early years of the nineteenth-century, advocates of the abolition of slavery would cite Diallo as a key figure in asserting the moral rights and humanity of black people. He was one of the few victims of the transatlantic slave trade who, as a freed slave, was able to return home to his family in Africa.

TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE . WRITER



B:M

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ACTOR



B:M

ADEOYIN OLAYIWOLA ADEPITAN

MBE

1973 –

Adeyin Olayiwola "Ade" Adepitan MBE is a Nigerian-born British television presenter and wheelchair basketball player. As a presenter, he has hosted a range of travel documentaries and sports programmes for BBC television. Adepitan is an award-winning disability advocate and one of the first physically disabled television presenters in the UK, with a career that spans 21 years.

Ade was initially a healthy child with no disabilities. However at the age of 15 months he caught polio resulting in the loss of movement in both of his legs.

As Ade has shown, his 'disability' has been far from a hindrance. He has gone on to achieve more than most people can say in their short lives as a wheelchair basketball champ.

Achieving much in his basketball career he went on to compete for Team GB at Paralympic, European and World Championship levels winning bronze medal at the (2004) Summer Paralympics in Athens and the gold medal at the (2005) Paralympic World Cup in Manchester.

As an ambassador and mentor, he again works tirelessly being a patron of Go Kids Go, a supporter of the National Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Children Charity (NSPCC), the WheelPower Charity and the first Ambassador for Every Parent and Child (EPC).

PARALYMPIAN . TV PRESENTER