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<b>Diane Abbott</b>	27/09/1953	MP	Female MP in the House of Commons and Shadow Home Secretary	1987 2016	She is founder of the London Schools and the Black Child initiative, which aims to raise educational achievement levels amongst Black children.
<b>Halle Berry</b>	14/08/1966	Actress	To win a 'Best Actress' Oscar (Academy Award)	2002	She has had roles in many movie franchises, including X-Men and James Bond.
<b>Michelle Obama</b>	17/01/1964	Lawyer, First lady	First Lady of the United States	2009	She has become a fashion icon, a role model for women, and an advocate for poverty awareness, nutrition, physical activity, and healthy eating.
<b>Phillis Wheatley</b>	08/05/1753	Author	To publish a book	1773	She was sold into slavery aged 7 and transported to North America. She was bought by the Wheatley family, who taught her to read and write and encouraged her poetry when they saw her talent.
<b>Baroness Amos</b>	13/03/1954	Director of SOAS	Minister in Government and Leader of the House of Lords	2003	She previously worked for the UN and she became the first black head of a UK university and the first black Master of University College, Oxford.
<b>Simone Manuel</b>	02/08/1996	Swimmer	To win a Olympic gold medal in individual swimming	2016	Her tied time at the Rio Olympics of 52.70 is also an Olympic Record.
<b>Sislin Fay Allen</b>	c. 1939	Policewoman	Police Officer in the UK for the Metropolitan Police	1968	She qualified as a nurse prior to becoming a police officer. She later joined the Jamaican police in 1972.
<b>Barbara Blake Hannah</b>	05/06/1941	Journalist/presenter	Presenter on British TV	1968	Lasted roughly 9 months because of racist complaints, continues to work on other British stations until 1974 when she moved to Jamaica to report there.