

# BIM 2023

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During **Black History Month**, we learned about key black figures across history. In Year 9 we storyboarded the life of **Walter Tull** because he was an amazing footballer who suffered great racism, but also used that abuse to empower him at times too. He crucially became the first black officer in the British Army and was killed in action.

He was given some recognition, but not the bravery medals he deserved because of the prejudice against him. The best versions



of our work highlighted a difficult life, great bravery in WWI and the injustice that he is only just being properly commemorated now. Read more about Walter Tull in

Damian Johnson's book →

**Assembly:**

**Friday 13 October**

Damian Johnson



> Damian attended Hymers College (1972-76) and has been a true ambassador in promoting and helping the school wherever possible, giving his services as a speaker in assemblies, or at our alumni events, plus hosting our webinars during lockdown.

> During his assembly he spoke about his love of the school, his career and his new book titled *Football's Champions of Change*. The book charts the history of the anti-racism movement in English football and beyond, shining a light on both the divisive and unifying power of the beautiful game.

## Black History Seminars...

To coincide with **Black History Month**, the History and Classics departments hosted a seminar celebrating Black achievement throughout history.

Clearly influenced by the theme of BHM 2023, 'Saluting Our Sisters', there were staff and student presentations on a variety of themes such as the activism of **Tarana Burke**, the literature of Black British author **Andrea Levy**, **Dr Kimberle Crenshaw** and her work on Intersectionality; as well as some more personal accounts including the transformational impact that our recent tour to South Africa had on students. Students have also been learning about **Mansa Musa** and the Empire of Mali, Nigerian views on the effects of British colonialism, the story of Walter Tull (see above), as well as studying the post-Civil War experience of African Americans in depth as part of the A-Level History course.

