



What is Black History Month?

- Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today.
- In 1987, the first Black History Month took place in the UK.
- Black History Month in the UK and in February in America. **takes place annually in October**
- This year CHSG departments will be sharing stories of inspirational people in or associated with their field.
- Today's story is from the **English department.**



PURPOSE & RESILIENCE



John Barnes MBE

- Born in 1963 in Jamaica
- Became a professional footballer
- Scored 106 goals in 403 games
- By 1995, more caps than any other black England player



- “A lot of the press men now making a big stand against racism and discrimination, I don’t know why they didn’t say anything then and now they’re jumping on the bandwagon of how terrible it was. If it’s terrible now, why wasn’t it terrible then? I have no sympathy with people jumping on the bandwagon, who kept their mouths shut back then. That’s the way it was, and people accepted it.”
- “First of all, how many black managers are there? What has football actually done? The situation we have is that in terms of overt racism, with racist chants and slogans, yes they’re dealing with that. But in terms of the reality of discrimination, it hasn’t actually changed. Black ex-players and managers aren’t being given opportunities.”
- “It’s not just football, it’s society. Only through education, we can let people know *why* they feel the way they do about people of different cultures, people of different nationalities and different races. Very similar to how we’ve changed our views on women, homosexuals, in terms of what we’ve learned over the last 100 years, only through education can we make that change.”

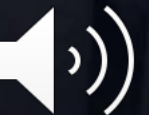




The reason
why I never
wash my
left
shoulder



- Chadwick Boseman was an American actor.
- Howard University
- **“Sometimes you need to feel the pain and sting of defeat to activate the real passion and purpose that God predestined inside of you.”**





- Boseman's breakthrough performance

"Purpose crosses disciplines. Purpose is an essential element of you. It is the reason you are on the planet at this particular time in history. Your very existence is wrapped up in the things you are here to fulfil... When I dared to challenge the system that would relegate us to victims and stereotypes with no clear historical backgrounds, no hopes, talents, when I questioned that method of portrayal, a different path opened up for me."



- Marvel superhero Black Panther
- 28th August
- 'I want to live in Wakanda'
- A wonderful, virtuoso actor, and an even better person
- **"We all know the truth: more connects us than separates us. But in times of crisis the wise build bridges, while the foolish build barriers. We must find a way to look after one another, as if we were one single tribe."**



