During Black History month we will celebrate local Black people of significance, celebrate their successes and learn their stories.

Today's black history month success story:

Vital statistics!

Name: Naomi Campbell
Age: 50
Born: Streatham
Famous for: Model, actress and businesswoman
Naomi Campbell was born in 1970 to Jamaican parents.
She attended Dunraven school and also the London academy for performing Arts.
• Naomi made her first public appearance at the age of 7 when she appeared in Bob Marley’s Music video ‘Is This Love’

• At the age of 12, she tap-danced in the music video for Culture Club's "I'll Tumble 4 Ya"

• Naomi starred as Michael Jackson's love interest in the music video for "In the Closet".
Campbell was the first black woman to appear on the cover of French and British Vogue.

She was also the first black model to appear on the cover of Time magazine.
Campbell has walked the runways for Marc Jacobs, Yves Saint Laurent, Chloé, Diane Von Furstenberg, Prada, Chanel, Givenchy, Dolce & Gabbana, Burberry, Zac Posen, Blumarine, Karl Lagerfeld, Gianfranco Ferré, Versace, Helmut Lang, Christian Dior, John Galliano, Ralph Lauren, Jean Paul Gaultier, Tommy Hilfiger, Oscar de la Renta, Michael Kors, Anna Sui, Louis Vuitton, Hermés, Marchesa, Roberto Cavalli and Valentino
"They said I would only last 11 years, but here I am today celebrating 33 years in the business of fashion!“

A mission to ensure that my industry – the fashion industry – is a place that’s diverse and of equal opportunity and I’m on a mission to change the narrative and perception of the great continent of Africa!

"I go from plane to plane, from city to city, almost daily and I’m constantly working. My friends are always telling me to slow down and rest but I’m at a point in my career where my vision is crystal clear and, for now, I’m on a mission."
Campbell is vocal about the racism she’s experienced in the fashion industry. She told the Guardian: "From attending auditions and performing at an early age, I understood what it meant to be black. You had to put in the extra effort. You had to be twice as good."

Despite the barriers facing her, Campbell has consistently set a new standard for women of colour in the industry as a contributing editor to British Vogue.
Naomi Campbell founded ‘Fashion For Relief’ in 2005. This fashion show raises money for disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the Haiti Earthquake.
“Madiba taught me, above all else, to be my true, authentic self. He taught me to be true to whatever I commit myself to supporting, and to stick to my integrity,”
Today’s black history local hero:

Naomi Campbell, British model, actress and businesswoman