



# DINA ASHER SMITH

Dina Asher-Smith is an athlete, who has won but also lost many races, and she is the fastest female British athlete to ever compete in the World Championships, Olympics and the Commonwealth Games.



Born: 4th December 1995

Birth Place: London, England

Full name: Geraldina Rachel Asher- Smith

Height: 1.64m

Coach: John Blackie

## EARLY LIFE

Dina Asher Smith was brought into the world on the 4th December 1995 and since then she has been sporty; she was in the Bees Academy at Blackheath and Bromley Harries Athletics Club when she was only eight years old. As a child and growing to be adult, she had an extremely good education for she attended Newstead Wood School but then also went on to go to King's College London. Here, she wrote a dissertation about the history of jazz music and earned a degree in history. Her mum (Julie) and her Dad (Winston) have pushed her to be the best she can be.

## CAREER

Before she was famous and a worldwide athlete, she had a job as a kit carrier, which inspired her to push her future career as an Olympian. Even though she is known to be the quickest British athlete, Dina has also been in an advert for Muller (the yoghurt company). She was named BT Sport Action Woman of the year on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Her coach – John Blackie – has worked with Dina every step of the way.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

She has many records not just nationally but for herself as well. In the 100m, she completed it in 10.83 seconds and 200m in an amazing speed of 21.88 seconds. It does not stop there because she ranked 22nd on the 200m world all-time list. She holds two world records for the 100m and 200m, which she should be truly proud of.



## FASCINATING FACTS

- Dina's idol is actually Serena Williams.
- Her debut was in the Rio Olympics.
- There is a Barbie doll inspired by her

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- Where did she go to college?
- Who was her coach?
- What type of music did she specialise in for her history degree?
- How tall is she?
- What is her Mum and Dad called?
- Where did she make her debut?
- What is her full name?
- What was she inspired by?