1942: The first rocket called the V2 is launched.

1957: Laika the dog is sent to space.

1961: Yuri Gagarin is the first man in space.

1963: Valentina Tereshkova is the first woman in space.


1991: Helen Sharman becomes the first British astronaut in space.

2015: Tim Peake becomes the first British ESA Astronaut to visit the International Space Station.