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**New Role Models**

**Blanka Vlašić**

Domain: athlete, high jump

Country of origin: Split, Hrvatska

Date of birth: 8th November 1983

**Significant facts about her life:**

* started training athletics at the age of 7
* in 2000 in Chile won the World Junior Chmpionship with a jump of 191cm
* in 2005 had a thyroid surgery, came back on the track and jumped over 2m
* in 2014 returns after over a year of break due to Achilles tendon surgery
* in 98 competitions, 156 times jumped over 2 m

Achievements:

* won second place at the World Indoor Championship in Moscow
* winner of numerous awards for the best athlete of Europe and world
* in August 2009 in Berlin defended the title of world champion
* personal record: 208m – second-best result in the world
* several times tried to break the world record (210cm)
* World Athlete of the Year 2010

Reason for making this choice:

Blanka Vlašić was chosen for her persistence and talent. She is hard-working and tenacious in achieving results. Regardless of her many injuries, she has kept a positive attitude and never gives up the things she is dedicated to.