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We ask a celebrity a set of probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s model and former Strictly winner Abbey Clancy

The prized possession you value above all others... My Teacup Maltese terrier Bella. I got her last month after our previous dog Scamp, a Maltese/Yorkshire terrier cross, was run over and died. I was devastated, but having Bella has helped me get over it. She rules the roost at home.

The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... Laziness. I’m on the go every day, so I hate it when people waste their time. Seize the day before it’s too late.

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The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Music Management Bible, which explains the ins and outs of the music industry. It’s one of my dreams to discover an unsigned band and turn them into superstars.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Woman for a day... I’d hang out with the Rolling Stones and watch Mick Jagger and Keith Richards writing songs together. They’re incredible artists.

The film you can watch time and time again... Bridget Jones’s Diary always has me laughing my head off.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... Be kind and always be yourself. It’s important for kids to do well at school, but it’s also vital that their personalities aren’t squashed.

The unexpected quest that drives you on... To keep growing. There’s still so much I want to achieve.

The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Football trivia. I actually hate football. I’ve been with Peter [Stoke City striker Peter Crouch] for 11 years so a lot of information has been etched into my brain subconsciously.

The treasured item you lost and wish you could get away with it... My hairdresser Neale Pirie, who was my hairdresser on Strictly in 2013 and worked with me for two years afterwards. He died suddenly last year aged 42 and it hit me hard. He was so talented and kind.

The poem that touches your soul... Some lyrics from George Harrison’s song Blow Away move me so much that I had them made into a neon piece of art. It reads, ‘All I got to do is to love you. All I got to be is be happy.’

The misapprehension about yourself you wish you could erase... That I have a team of nannies to look after my kids. I’m hands-on and only my mum looks after them when I’m working.

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NEXT WEEK... IT’S CHRISTMAS EVE!

Celebrate with Weekend magazine as James Norton and Robson Green reveal what’s in store in the Grantchester Christmas special, and Christopher Biggins tells hilarious tales from his 40 years as a panto dame.