The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week’s: Olympic diver Tom Daley’s turn

The prized possession you value above all others... My iPhone. It’s my connection with everyone. My phone keeps me close to everyone.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... I wish I’d paid more attention to my phone. I wish I’d paid more attention to the components of a dive when I was younger. I’d be a better athlete now if I hadn’t developed bad habits.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... Harry Potter And The Philosopher’s Stone was the first proper book I read as a kid. I loved the escapism and I was pretty freaked out by Professor Quirrell – but I like scary stuff.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Man for a day... I’d hang out with the Queen. It’d be brilliant to find out what she eats, what she wears and what she watches on TV.

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The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Henry VIII. I’d ask which wife he loved the most.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... If you have aspirations, do everything you can to realise them.

The poem that touches your soul... I’m not into poetry, but I love the National Anthem. There’s no prouder feeling than hearing it on the rostrum.

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The temptations you wish you could resist... Cheesecake! I have such a sweet tooth, which isn’t great when you do a sport that requires you to be light and springy!

The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Cooking. I’m always trying new recipes, especially puddings. My burgers are pretty impressive. I add cheese, avocado, lettuce, onions, tomato and a fried egg.

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I’d steal a secret recipe from one of the world’s best chocolatiers. I love chocolate.

The song that means most to you... Peaceful Easy Feeling by The Eagles because it was one of Dad’s favourite songs. I remember him playing it in the car as we drove to Cornwall for our family summer holidays.

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The unending quest... To be fluent in Spanish! I studied it for A-Level and I still have lessons but I need to spend some proper time in Spain.

The philosophy that underpins your life... Everyone should chase their dreams and make them a reality.

The order of service at your funeral... I’d like everyone to share stories and not be sad. Celebrate with plenty of drink, dancing – and unlimited ice cream!

The way you want to be remembered... As one of the world’s best-ever divers who worked hard for his success.

The Plugin... Tom competes in the FINA Diving World Championships on 1-2 August. Coverage live on the BBC Red Button, highlights on BBC2. Visit thebraintumourcharity.org.

As told to Rob McGibbon

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Tom Cruise returns in Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation, in cinemas Thursday. Tackling themes of war, loss and trauma, For Services Rendered is at Chichester Festival Theatre from Friday. And Joss Stone’s new album, Water For Your Soul, is out on the same day.

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