

# Backstage GETHIN JONES

THE EX-BLUE PETER PRESENTER INVITES US INTO HIS DRESSING ROOM FOR THE NEW SKY1 HD QUIZ SHOW, *SELL ME THE ANSWER*...

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## HD SELL ME THE ANSWER

Weekday afternoons from Monday 9, 3.30pm, Sky1 HD/Sky1 (170/106)

My *Blue Peter* dressing room was a weird place – we had animals running around, while getting ready next door there'd be a man who could pull a car with his ear

or something! My *Sell Me the Answer* dressing room is huge – at first, I wondered who I was sharing it with!

I get here about 7.30am and have a bite to eat, a cup of tea and a read of the papers. Then I go through the questions and read up on that day's contestants. We film three episodes and finish about 6pm.

The show's like a good book you can't put down. You can win £25,000 in 10 questions, but have to negotiate to buy an answer from a 'trader' if you don't know it. But the contestants don't know which of the traders can help – none of them might have the right answer!

I don't have a backstage 'rider' – all I need is stuff to keep me going through the day. I do vocal exercises before filming starts – the traders sometimes hear me doing it and think I'm mad. I like this show because I can be totally myself. When I was on *Strictly* it was edited in a way that was good for the show, but this is the real me.

### Love this? Watch these!

- Don't Forget the Lyrics, Sat 7, 1pm, Sky1 HD/Sky1 (170/106)
- Are You Smarter, Sundays, 10am, Sky2 (107)
- Classic Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, weekdays, 10pm, Challenge (125)

■ Play along by pressing your red button after the show has finished.

- 1 **Fruit bowl** I try to fill up on fruit in the mornings. I'll also usually have porridge from McDonald's. It's really good!
- 2 **Newspapers** I have two broadsheets and a tabloid to keep me up to date. I also get random magazines, which my make-up artist Sarah reads.
- 3 **Wash bag** I get up really early, so shave here. I've got hair wax and other stuff, too.
- 4 **Lemon and honey** I hold the world record for peeling and eating a lemon in the fastest time ever! But these are for mixing with manuka honey and hot water for my voice.
- 5 **Blackberry** It's great for emails to keep in touch while I'm working. I do Twitter, too.

- Jenni Falconer outed me as a tweeter at the BAFTA® TV Awards. **Cliffy9** is me!
- 6 **Throat remedies** All that banter from three shows a day can see me struggling with my throat. I have a top tip – Vocalzone throat sweets and my honey and lemon mix.
  - 7 **Paperwork** There's no script on this show, we just play the game. But I do read up on the players we have on, so I'm familiar with them before I go on set.
  - 8 **Sarah** She isn't just my make-up artist, she's a good friend. We did *Strictly Come Dancing* together and it's nice to have your mates with you when you work.