

'I'm attracted to Prince Charles!'

London Hughes talks to **new!** about table manners, reality TV plans and fancying royalty

Comedian London Hughes captivated the nation with her finger-licking skills on *Celebs Go Dating*, but despite all the fuss made about her table manners, when we meet with her, the self-confessed foodie tells us she has no regrets. Good for her!

While the show made her a household name, 28-year-old London – who's from Croydon – has been on the comedy circuit for ten years already. And it seems now is definitely her time to shine as she's been signed by a comedy management company in the US and will be a presenter on new BBC gameshow *Ready Or Not*.

Hilarious and fab company, London tells us about her new show, disastrous cooking and why she's attracted to our future king's "royal smell"...

First, let's talk CGD table manners...

I didn't think the food stuff would be such a big thing! The dates were two hours long – I did way more interesting things than licking my fingers. So many of my jokes got cut, but every single burp and finger-lick made it in. I was like, "Come on, guys!"

There's even a T-shirt about it now!

I'm not that bad! I've lived long enough to know how to eat chicken bones the correct way. But I didn't think the main storyline would be my relationship with food! I love food, I love chicken wings, and that's never going to change.



Her finger-licking skills are now legendary

So you didn't find love with any of your CGD dates?

The only date I still talk to is Big Steve. I bloody love him, but he lives in Swansea. If he didn't, we'd be married by now. What am I supposed to do?! He lives so far away.

Are you seeing anyone now?

No, let's put out an ad because I'm single. If any famous people want to message me on social media they totally can, but if you're not famous I need you to send a written letter with a signed photo. If you want to send a CV with all your interests, I will read it.

Maybe you could offer to make them dinner?

I can't cook. The last time I cooked was probably during Food Technology class in Year 9. I made a pastry that ended up like a brick.

What about a romantic couples' workout?

I don't exercise! I tried to do a Davina McCall workout DVD once. I did it for 10 minutes then sat down and watched it like a film.

What's changed for you since CGD?

It's changed my life! I am literally so happy. I knew people would either love me or find me annoying – or both! But I get messages from women saying, "You've inspired me... If you can burp in front of a guy, then I can talk to a guy!" I love that my burps are inspiring people.

Sounds like you're having the best time...

I've been in TV for a while, but in niche programmes. Before, people couldn't place me, but now it's like, "LONDON!" wherever I go – on the street, on the tube, in the girls' toilets... It's unreal. I'm so overwhelmed!

Who's the best celeb you've met?

Prince Charles. I met him when I did a show in Wales for Armed Forces Day. He told me I was too pretty to be a comedian. I still don't know if that's a compliment or an insult. But he smelled so good – that royal smell.

Royalty! Very fancy...

I'm genuinely attracted to him a little bit now. He's got so much swag, charisma and charm. He's lovely.



She "bloody loves" her CGD date Steve



She's a presenter on *Ready Or Not*

Have you got any famous fans?

Richard Osman from *Pointless*. I didn't think he'd watch *CGD*. You just expect him to be reading books because he's so smart and tall, but he said he wanted to go on a Radio 4 version.

What are you up to at the moment?

I'm presenting a gameshow called *Ready Or Not*. It's insane. I surprise guests at attractions where they have to do something that's really high adrenaline to win cash. It's such a fun show. I'm so over the moon to be a part of it!

Would you ever do more reality TV?

I'd love to do a reality show where I have to get a job because I haven't had a normal job in ten years. I have no skills! The thought of me doing hard work is ridiculous to me. I've just had to make people laugh for ten years!

JADIE TROY-PRYDE

Catch London on *Ready Or Not*, BBC One, Saturdays, 6pm