

LADY ISABELLA HERVEY

THE ARISTOCRAT TURNED REALITY SHOW QUEEN ON WHY SHE CAN'T RESIST A CHALLENGE



In many ways, *Cirque de Celebrité* contestant Lady Isabella Hervey, the youngest daughter of the 6th Marquess of Bristol, doesn't fit the stereotypical image of a young, well-connected aristocrat living it up in London. For a start, she's not a party girl, nor does she have a trust fund. In fact, sports fanatic Isabella, 25, appears to thrive on the challenges that go with building a long-lasting career.

Aged 18, she began a successful career as a model before moving into television, where her good looks and clear determination to win against the odds marked her out as a natural for a variety of reality shows.

The gold medallist of 2004's *The Games* and an able survivor of shows such as *Celebrity Love Island*, *The Weakest Link* and *Celebrity Masterchef*, Isabella is currently putting her agility and sporting skills to good use in Sky One's

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blind-folded high-wire and the wheel of death.

As if that wasn't enough, this summer Isabella set herself a different type of challenge on ITV's *Call Me a Cabbie!*, in which she and two other celebs were set the task of learning – in just two months – the skills needed to be a black-cab driver in London. "Real London cabbies study for three-and-a-half years at a special 'knowledge school'," says Isabella. "They learn the whole map of London as well as how to drive around the capital and remem-

ber for a career change. I was lethal as a cabbie, other cabbies are probably a bit scared of me." She laughs. "I kept turning down one-way streets by accident. I almost ran over a poor cabbie."

Despite her claim to be obviously a fast learner, she was awarded first place in the programme – only to later taken away from her. "I cheated!" she confesses quite cheerfully, before going on to explain

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