

BEAUTY BULLETIN

What you need to know about...

TOM FORD BEAUTY. It has arrived. And what beautiful beauty it is! With all the super-luxe packaging of a niche brand, Mr Ford has delivered in terms of style, functionality and trend-leading shades. The face of the collection is Lara Stone and prices are definitely firmly in the high-end bracket at €30-plus per product, but this is a taste of designer style you are buying. As well as skincare and two new scents, there are two key items of interest in the make-up collection: a brow-sculpting pencil with angled nib and the Shade & Illuminate Cream Duet, one cream to sculpt the face, the other to add highlighter where needed. These are being widely discussed in the beauty world and worth a look-see. Brown Thomas launched the collection ahead of the rest of the world only yesterday!

INSIDER NEWS

Fashionistas and beauty buffs alike have their daily dose of glamour dropped into their inbox courtesy of Vogue.com.

This round-up of style from every fashionable city of note brightens up an erstwhile boring lunch hour and is the style compass for many. So, it is with much interest that Vogue has collated much of its history with new website Voguedia.com in a type of mash-up of Vogue and Wikipedia. Still under development, the site covers the movers and shakers of fashion and beauty in comprehensive online indexes that are as much a who's who as they are an enjoyable read. We may need to extend lunch hour, methinks, for educational purposes!

EXPERT OPINION

Are your locks a little less luxurious of late?

Emilia Ogoo of bespoke salon Issonni in Kimmage, Dublin, offers this advice: 'One of the most common complaints I hear from clients is constant frustration about fine or thinning hair. After trying all manner of styling products to achieve voluminous hair, they have eventually come to realise that you can't add this volume without actually adding hair. Only hair extensions that are suited to the weight of the client's natural hair should be applied to ensure there is no damaging effects on the existing hair. The methods we use are undetectable, affordable and do not damage the natural hair.' So, help is at hand, ladies. Contact Issonni on 01 405 5822 for more information.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Skip those pesky lippy top-ups. Switch the finish! Glossy or shiny lipstick needs to be reapplied frequently, more so than satin or matte. Most durable of all are lip stains that are given additional moisture with a lip balm or gloss on top: these can give hours of lip colour!

Bargain of the week

All September, get 50% off your first waxing session and your sixth wax free at Queen Beauty Emporium, www.queenbe.ie



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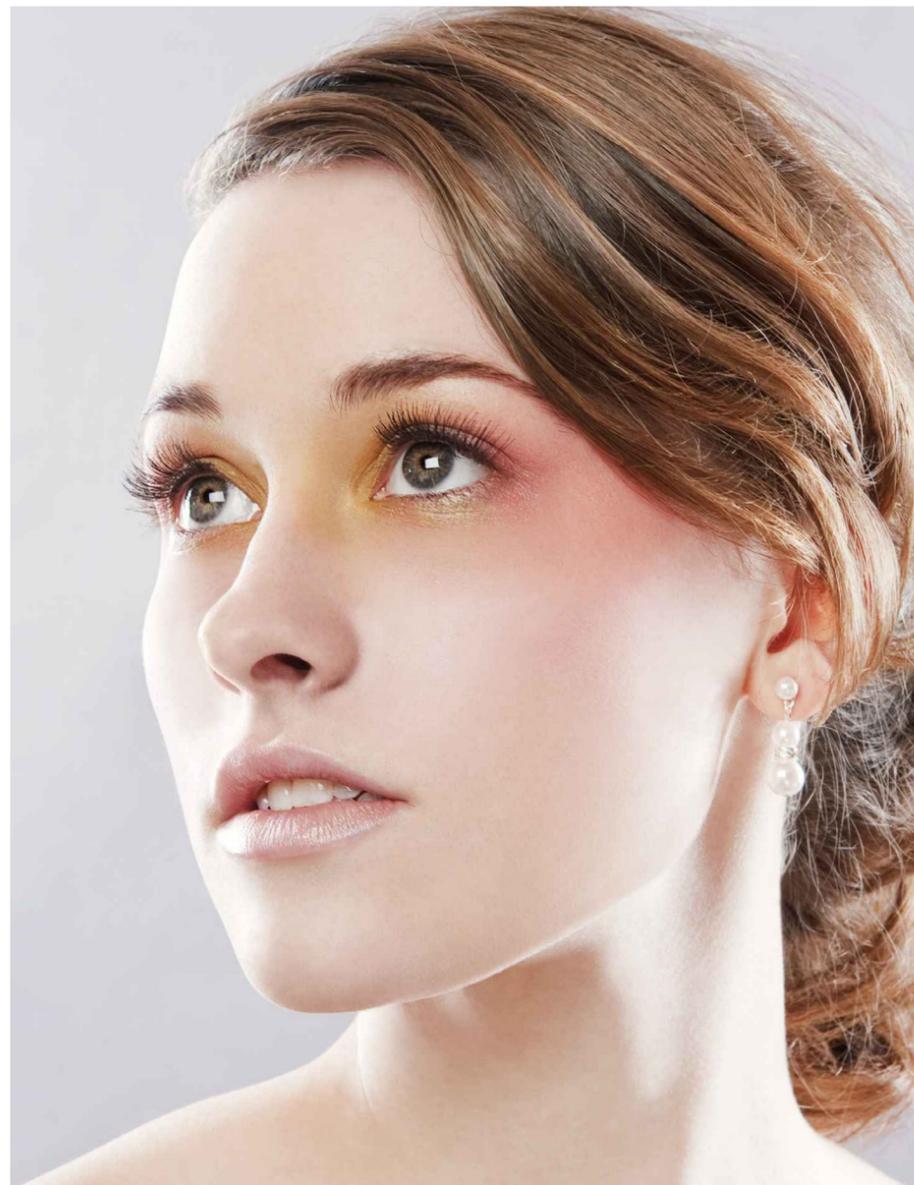
All eyes on autumn's hottest new looks

Your unmissable annual update on the make-up trends coming your way for autumn/winter...

New beauty products are released in a constant stream throughout the year. Not a week goes by without an improved volumising mascara or cute new lip gloss hitting the counters at your local department store. But it is the big seasonal collections for Spring/Summer and then Autumn/Winter that set out the trends for the months to follow.

A/W is traditionally more interesting — colours are richer, deeper and usually without the gimmick element so often seen in Spring/Summer (neon orange, anyone?). The colours on offer for this time of year are infinitely more wearable; invariably brands include staples such as black, brown, taupe and nude in their eye collections and everyday pinks and browns for lips, so beauty buying in September is more investment purchasing than trend following.

This season, beauty beginners will be pleased to see that nude eyes, lined or unlined, are perfectly acceptable and best teamed with a definite lip colour. Perhaps not so popular will be the 'glass lid' — which looks like a peach gloss on the eyes — that appeared on so many Fashion Week catwalks, but maybe it's not one



GETTY IMAGES

for mere mortals. What is definitely en vogue is the smoky eye. Yes, I know — again — but for A/W 2011 it is pretty much a navy smoky eye rather than black and more forgiving for most. Leading the way with this trend is Dior.

Chanel's offerings include the new Illusion d'Ombre shadows, six different shades with jewel finishes. Ultra-light and long-wearing cream shadows, these are a top A/W buy that will be as fashionable come Christmas. YSL's Black collection is beauty's LBD: with many hues underlying the basic black, there's one to suit everyone. It is definitely the season of the

eye for MAC, sweeping grunge-rock shapes always being their forte. Look to Lancôme for grown-up elegance; lips and nails are bold reds, eyes a subtle brown and taupe palette.

If it's a high-fashion look you're after, try the *ouverte banane*, or the banana. Think Twiggy for this: eyes are huge and round and on some shows a black line was drawn for effect across the socket area. This one is for the brave and should be teamed with high-volume mascara, Benefit's They're Real and Lancôme's Dollface being the perfect lash partners.

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THREE OF THE BEST: LIMITED-EDITION POLISHES

YSL La Laque in Black Indigo, €20, counters nationwide

The fabulous YSL Blacks collection has had the beauty world buzzing for the last two months. It comprises gel liners, mascara and three stunning polishes in different shades of black with coloured undertones. In the bottle the shades look bronze, blue and purple; on the nail they are indeed a tint of black.



Chanel Le Vernis in Graphite, €21.50, counters nationwide

This limited-edition polish is one of three hot shades from Chanel's autumn offerings. Peridot will be the one pictured in all the September glossies but this Graphite varnish is everyday wearable and will be as popular. It is a taupe/silver shade with coloured metallic flecks that add incredible lustre to the nails. Grab it before it's gone!



Lancôme Le Vernis in Rouge Saint-Honoré, €16, from counters nationwide

Parisian chic was designer Aaron de Mey's vision for A/W at Lancôme and you don't get much more sophisticated than a classic red nail. Whatever your polish habits — special occasion only or everyday without fail — a solid red will complement the nails and make your hands look groomed. Red transcends trends: it is always chic.

