



Beauty & Grooming

Beauty on your doorstep from *Rhea Papanicolaou-Frangista & Farrah Hamid*, the experts at Prettly

Davines: Oi Milk and Oi Candle

This Italian haircare range combines modern hair technology in beautiful shampoo and conditioner packaging. The offer in March is for a complimentary candle when you buy two Davines products at Duck & Dry.

£14.50 for Oi Milk, available at Duck & Dry (duckanddry.com)



Prettly: Gift Cards

Treat your mum to a luxurious manicure and pedicure in the comfort of her own home with these useful gift cards from Prettly.

Manicure from £25, gift cards from £10 (prettly.com)



Beauty gifts for

Mum

Mothering Sunday is on 15 March so we've rounded up our favourite finds – all easily accessible in Belgravia

Nails Inc: VVB by Victoria Beckham

Finally available in stores, Victoria Beckham's chic nail duo in Bamboo White and Judo Red is perfect for an understated-yet-stylish mother.

£45 for duo, available at Harvey Nichols and Nails Inc (nailsinc.com), (harveynichols.com)



Aurelia Skincare: Firm & Revitalise Dry Body Oil

This super nourishing body oil has a blend of neroli, lavender, rose and mandarin, combined with antioxidant-rich

bio-organic botanicals.

£48 for 100ml, available at Aurelia and SpaceNK. (aureliaskincare.com), (uk.spacenk.com)





New ducks on *the block*

Rhea and Farrah visit Duck & Dry hair salon to find out more about the blow-dry phenomenon

London is no stranger to blow-dry bars – in fact, the capital has established itself as a hair Mecca since the trend took off with our neighbours across the pond in New York and Los Angeles. The latest to settle in the area is Duck & Dry, founded by Yulia Rorstrom. The new King's Road salon is quickly gaining a loyal customer base among Belgravians and across London as a whole. Celebrities from Amanda Wakeley to Millie Mackintosh have already popped in for the salon's signature blow-dry and updo treatments.

Yulia Rorstrom, who dreamt up everything from the chic brand to the beautiful interior design of the salon, sits down with us to provide her take on hair trends, running a new business in London and what's popular for women of all ages.

What inspired you to open Duck & Dry?

I used to work in finance and management consulting, but always wanted to create something of my own. However, I needed to find the right idea and establish it at the right time. Whilst I was travelling a lot in the US, I observed that the blow-dry bar industry was very developed and that though we did have blow-dry bars in London, no one was properly leading the market. I wanted something that would appeal to all ages and, more importantly, stand out from the crowd.

What makes Duck & Dry special?

Duck & Dry is not just about great hair styles, but the experience. It's a fun, social, buzzy place to relax and to just enjoy yourself. You can have good coffee, a glass of Prosecco and bring a group of friends with you to get ready before a night out. Plus, we're not just a blow-dry bar – we're an updo bar too. I really love putting my hair

up, and wanted to make this more accessible to people of all ages, whether it's for a special occasion, or just a pick-me-up. We didn't want updos to be a two-hour affair – at Duck & Dry you can spend 30-35 minutes and get something quick, affordable and beautiful.

What are your top tips for skincare and haircare?

Sleep! Even running a business and having just had a baby I try my best to make sure I get at least seven hours of sleep per night as I find it's essential. For skincare, I don't use many anti-wrinkle products, instead I focus on the hydration aspect. Haircare-wise, it's important to have regular treatments above and beyond the shampoos and conditioners. We could all use a hydrating and nourishing mask every now and then – even a really quick one can make a big difference.

What are some of the most popular hair styles at the salon?

Right now, it's all about braids. People love our Brazen Braids halo looks as well as the Grecian chic looks. Our creative director Snowden Hill is constantly reminding me that braids are bang on trend for SS15. With spring slowly but surely approaching, he firmly believes that there's no better way to get long hair off your back.

Do you have any plans for Mother's Day?

We're hosting a fun pop-up that entire weekend [14 and 15 March] with Aurelia Skincare who will be providing mini-facials and make-up sessions, along with our blow-dries of course. Pre-booking is advisable but all are welcome to drop in. ■

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