



## STYLE COUNSEL

Chantelle Znideric brings you all the latest fashion news from in and around the county

# Paris, Milan, London... Croydon!



A make-up workshop held at Centrale as part of Croydon Fashion Festival

**W**HETHER you've booked a cultural city break or a luxurious getaway this summer, remember to stick to a simple capsule wardrobe.

Here are my top tips to ensure you travel light yet remain stylish...

- 1) A pair of embellished gladiator sandals will look gorgeous with a flattering bikini or feminine maxi dress.
- 2) Make sure you take a choice of kaftans; they're the perfect beach cover-up and look great teamed with cropped denim, city shorts and linen trousers.

In the meantime, some fashion news from rather closer to home! Forget Paris, Milan and London, there's a new fashion capital in town: our very own Croydon! The town has just held a week-long fashion festival that was a resounding success.

People tend to forget that the likes of supermodel Kate Moss and designer John Galliano hail from the area and the event was billed as a reminder that Croydon is just as capable of contributing to the style world as anywhere else.

Miss Moss was sadly lacking from the festivities but, not to be outdone, the borough's most beautiful girls competed in the R U the Face of Croydon competition, all hoping to become Croydon's next style icon.

Top tips were swapped and incredible catwalk shows stunned crowds throughout the week, complete with designs by Croydon College students. There's no denying this year's fashion festival was a huge success and I wouldn't be surprised if next year isn't even bigger and better.



One of the glamorous outfits in the Croydon College Fashion Show

## THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS...

The chance to meet one of Surrey's top jewellery designers! Based in New Malden, Kleshna Handel is known for creating pieces for the likes of Catherine Zeta Jones and Kylie. Now, there's a chance for everyone to have a unique necklace designed and made by Kleshna (priced from £25-£35), as she will be spending the day at The Lemon Tree store in Cobham (Tel: 01932 868689) on Friday August 8 and then in Banstead (Tel: 01737 357744) on Friday August 15. Her workshops will be open from 10am to 4pm on each date and to avoid disappointment, please call your preferred location to secure your place.

## Get in touch...

Calling all those with a passion for fashion! Chantelle is holding a two-day Fashion Stylist training course and an intensive five-day Personal Stylist training course. For further details, e-mail [chantelle@topstylista.com](mailto:chantelle@topstylista.com)