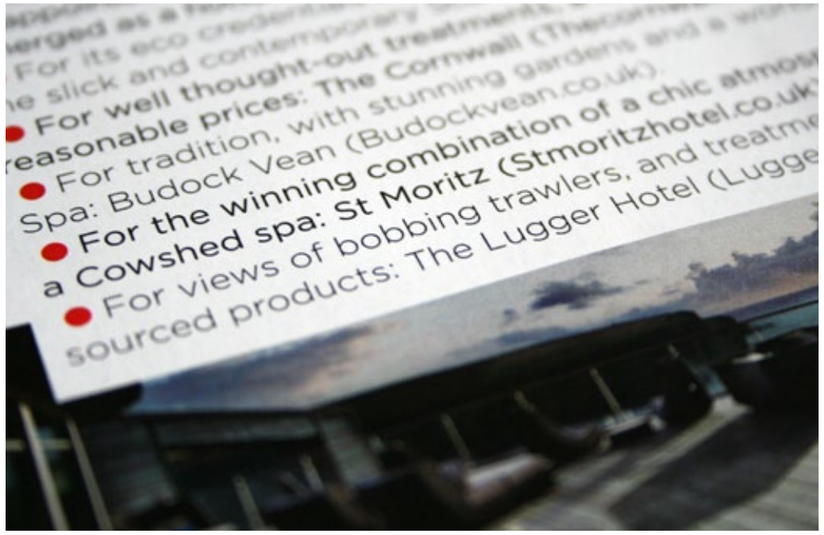

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Natural Bronzer in Warm Glow No 1, £30

Lip Cover in Nude Beige No 1, £22

Sheer Foundation in Trench No 5, £34

National treasure

Flying the flag for the British make-up industry, Christopher Bailey is launching Burberry Beauty this month. Rule, Britannia!

A beautiful, premium, British-made cosmetics brand has long evaded the beauty halls. But who on earth could be trusted to create one? Christopher Bailey, of course, whose much-vaunted Burberry Beauty line opens in Harrods this month. It's no fly-by-night beauty cash-in; it's a serious, considered and fully comprehensive make-up line, conceived with Bailey's astonishing attention to detail. Examples: smoked mirrors inside the compacts that act like subdued lighting; hidden magnets that ease lipstick and case back together; signature Burberry checks that run throughout the collection – pressed into powders, stamped around lipsticks. Even the delicate, vintage-style scent of the cosmetics smell, as Bailey puts it, "how proper make-up smells". A trip to the Burberry beauty counter promises to be a refined experience – Bailey designed the furniture himself and admits to remaking the customers' chairs three times before "they felt comfortable and not intimidating to spend time in". Try the collection's highlights first: the Sheer Foundation, Natural Bronzer (perfect for peachy, English rose complexions) and lipstick (Nude Beige is the ultimate oystery cream colour). It would simply be unpatriotic not to. *NM*

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Laboratoire Remede Translucent UV Coat, £30

Paul & Joe Protective Foundation Primer UV, £16, at Fenwick

Shu Uemura UV Under Base Mousse, £28

Laura Mercier Flawless Skin Daily Face Shield, £25

Chanel Illuminating Makeup Base, £25

Light work

UV skin shields – ultra-light sun protection fluids that you wear underneath your moisturiser – are big in Japan but have yet to become ubiquitous over here. Odd, considering that their advantages counteract all the charges brought against traditional facial sun creams: they're not greasy, they don't need reapplying and they don't cause make-up to slide unflatteringly south as the day wears on. Don't leave home without one. *NM*

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