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What's Up?



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Are You Up with What's Up?



Hello, fellow Maidstonians!
Here's the latest edition of *What's Up?*,
the official mouthpiece of all the freaks, geeks,
rappers, ravers, and cool kids at Maidstone School. For this
exciting, brand new issue of the magazine that prints exactly
what YOU need to know, we have assembled some great topics
that might make your blood boil or make you shout your
agreement, but which are guaranteed not to leave you cold.



Jenny Fenton, one of our trusty volunteer reporters,
hard at work on the latest issue of *What's Up?*

Hobby reporters, serial complainers, activists, and serious
journalists have been prowling the school grounds looking
for good stories for the last month. Read the results and let
us know what YOU think. We love
praise, but we love controversy even
more, so keep your comments, letters,
and complaints coming!

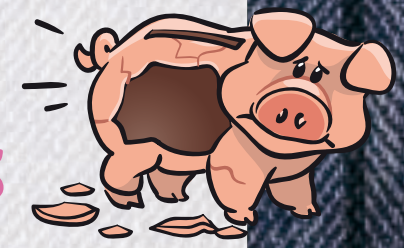
As you can see, our magazine is
so popular that we had to increase
the number of pages to fit in more
sections. Also, spot another addition in this issue – articles
that look like reports, but are actually trying to persuade
you to buy something, so-called **advertorials**. Advertorials
provide you with a good read and try to sell you something
at the same time. There's nothing wrong with that, or is
there?

What's Up? editors Gemma, Lucas, Bindi, and Sara



Beating the Low-Budget Blues

By Pierce Beauchamp



Many fashion-savvy young buyers are cruising the city for their fashion ideas and then heading to their local or online “pre-loved” shops to buy what they need to make their fashion statements.

These fashion stars have oiled up their mothers’ – and even grandmothers’ – sewing machines and taken in seams, altered sleeves, and shortened hems. The new clothes are unique, and much better than the same boring mass-produced lines we see over and over again in those chain stores we all know so well.

By buying second-hand, you are not just in tune with the trends, you’re also in tune with the planet. Like recycling plastic bottles, recycling clothes reduces waste of materials and energy. Don’t follow the mantras of recognizable companies and their products, or brands. Be an individual. Let your creative side run wild. Join these sharp, fashion-aware buyers and save money by adding your own flare to the clothes you wear!



With a little bit of sewing know-how, you can turn an old pair of jeans into a stylish mini like this one.



Thrifty Fashion Offences

By Megan Foley

Fashion writer Pierce Beauchamp has dumped his opinions on the virtues of recycled clothes in this magazine once too often. Let me spell it out for you – clothes from the dump turn you into a frump! Clothes end up being dumped in second-hand shops for a very good reason. They are *out*! – as in *out of fashion* and, hopefully, out of sight, and you'd be completely out of your mind to put any of them back on.



Once-fashionable band Sigue Sigue Sputnik. Could you rock a gold vinyl ensemble and one of these hairdos? The 1980s should never be revisited!

New fashions and trends are just that – new! They keep us excited, they challenge us to be creative, and they allow us to remake ourselves into better, happier, more fashionable versions of our former selves. Embrace the latest trends in footwear, and you'll feel like you're skipping from cloud to cloud. Don the most up-to-date tops and skirts, and every day will be a day when others look up to you as someone they can admire. Let the latest trend become something you cannot do without, your addiction. Down with pre-loved threads. You owe it to yourself to dress in style!

Vote for this Term's
Cool or Fool?



Keep up with the times – don't become a fashion dinosaur!