



In this July 19, 2015 file photo, Filipinos dance during a Zumba class as they attempt to break a Guinness world record in suburban Mandaluyong, east of Manila, Philippines. Guinness representative Alan Pixley announced that Mandaluyong city in the Philippines now holds the new world record for the title largest Zumba class with a total participant of 12,975. — AP

Ellen DeGeneres inspires young girls through fashion

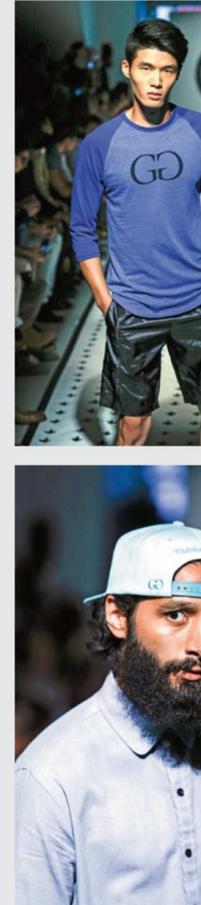
Ellen DeGeneres shares the "same values" as Gap. The 57-year-old chat show host and her lifestyle brand ED have teamed up with the retailer on a new children's collection named GapKids x ED and she's revealed she loves working with them because of their principles and standards. She said: "Gap has always encouraged people to be themselves, and I love that they have the same values that I have: to be true to who you are and to wear cute pants."

"I know from my own experience that nothing makes you feel better than being who you are and celebrating what makes you unique. I think if we shine a light on real girls doing incredible things, that'll encourage other girls and boys to do incredible things, and that'll encourage even more people to do incredible things, and eventually the world will be a more incredible place." Pieces from the collection - which are modeled by a pro-skateboarder, a young entrepreneur, a professional drummer, and a 9-year-old engineer of prosthetic hands - will feature lightning bolts to depict power and speech bubbles to represent words of encouragement.

Although the collection focuses on clothing for girls, there will also be a small assortment of apparel for boys and adults. Ellen said in a statement: "I think it's important to teach boys at a young age to respect girls and their ideas. It's like Aretha Franklin spelled, R-E-S-P-E-C-T. By the way, we have some really amazing boys clothes in the collection. We believe in equal opportunity cuteness." The collection will be available on gap.com and in GapKids stores worldwide in August. — Bang Showbiz



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Models display creations of Perry Ellis during the New York Fashion Week Men's in New York. — AFP photos

Models display creations by Grungy Gentleman.



Rihanna is contributing creative director of Stance

Rihanna has signed up as contributing creative director of Stance. The 27-year-old singer has teamed up with the US-based sock brand and released two limited-edition sets of over-the-knee and crew socks emblazoned with a print entitled Murder Rih Wrote. Only 1,500 sets have been produced, all of which are individually numbered, and Rihanna is "happy" to be working on the project.

The 'Umbrella' hitmaker said: "I've had a great relationship with Stance for a long time and I am happy to be working with them on such a fun and creative project. This is an exciting new venture." The brand will be stocked on Asos from September 1, which is when the full extent of the creative partnership will be revealed.

Rihanna is currently the creative director for sportswear label Puma and enjoyed a design partnership with high street chain River Island. The 'Diamonds' hitmaker is also due to launch her own fashion label SCHOOL KILLS soon, and is planning on making fashion her "focus" rather than music.

The 'SOS' singer's company Roraj Trade LLC registered and trademarked 'SCHOOL KILLS' in New York under the categories 'leather products' and 'clothing products' in May. A source previously said: "SCHOOL KILLS will be an accessories range covering everything from tote bags to purses and, later on, fashion." She still loves the music and it's what launched her, but this is her focus right now. — Bang Showbiz



Lily-Rose Depp is new face of Chanel

Lily-Rose Depp is the new face of Chanel. The 16-year-old model - who is one of 'Pirates of the Caribbean' actor Johnny Depp's two children with ex-partner Vanessa Paradis - appeared in the promotional video for the luxury brand's new eyewear range wearing a pair of pearl-studded sunglasses and sporting a dark red lip. The label's fashion designer, Karl Lagerfeld said: "[Lily-Rose is a] baby doll in a world imbued with sweetness and femininity. Lily-Rose is ravishing, she is a girl from the new generation with star qualities." It's no surprise Lily has a good relationship with Karl as her mother Vanessa has been an ambassador for the brand since the early 90s.

However, her father has been criticized for allowing his teenage daughter to "pose seductively" for the luxury brand. Child psychologist Dr Michelle Elliott told

MailOnline: "Sixteen-year-olds are not mentally, emotionally or intellectually able to cope with the pressures that these modeling situations place them in. I would not allow my daughter to become a model at that age. I don't think children are ready to take on the pressures at that age. Research shows that even 16-year-olds who think they are grown up find it difficult to handle pressures of grown ups."

"We know the effects, by and large, are not good." Lily-Rose is certainly not the first model to kick off her career at such a young age, however, as supermodel Kate Moss was famously discovered by an agent when she was just 14 years old. Chanel's latest eyewear collection will be available in September. — Bang Showbiz

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