

# LENT TERM 2017

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**MASPA**

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2017 Lent Term Calendar of Events for the Milton Abbey School Parents' Association (MASPA).

As ever we aim to provide parents with a range of opportunities to meet each other socially in informal settings. We hope you'll be tempted to join us at one or more of the events we have planned, whether it is at a private tour of London art galleries, skiing in the Swiss mountains or taking part in a cookery masterclass with cookery author and recipe columnist Rose Prince.

Looking ahead to the Summer we are again planning a visit to some stunning English gardens as well as a third MASPA wine tasting trip, this time to Portugal on 20-22 May, when we will be visiting Oporto and the enchanting Douro Valley to find out more about some of the world's leading port houses and vineyards.

As ever, we would welcome any suggestions you have for future events. If you have links or contacts with places or events of interest and would be able to help us organise future visits do please make contact via [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)

We very much look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

Best wishes

Camilla Bashaarat and Abigail Benson

MASPA Co-Chairs

MONDAY 30 JANUARY, 10AM - 3PM

## COOKERY WITH ROSE PRINCE



Rose Prince is an award winning cookery author and recipe columnist on The Daily Telegraph magazine. She has started offering cookery lessons from her home in Dorset, ten minutes from Milton Abbey, and a couple of us here at school were the lucky guinea pigs on a trial day. We can't recommend Rose's cookery lessons more highly.

In her own words, "Being a good cook is not just about skill but gaining a background knowledge that helps you choose the right menus and shop for the best ingredients. So my courses are held around a table and not at cooking stations. I demonstrate some of the cooking, but you will also participate in practical skills, learning new techniques, honing others. This means we talk a lot together, share experiences and gain a much deeper understanding of a better approach to cooking. We end by sitting down and eating what we have cooked with a glass of wine, try one or two local cheeses, have coffee, chat some more and say a fond good-bye at approximately 3.00pm."

Numbers restricted to 8 maximum.

Cost: £110 (reduced MASPA rate)

B&B also possible if you would like to stay over.

For more information please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 6.30 - 8.30PM

## 'CHAMPAGNE AND DIAMONDS' ANNOUSHKA, LONDON SW1



Annoushka Ducas MBE is kindly hosting a private event for MASPA guests, 'Champagne and Diamonds', at her flag ship boutique in Cadogan Gardens, Chelsea. Over a glass of champagne, we will be treated to a behind the scenes tour of the jewellery making process. Hosted by Annoushka and Liz Olver, Design Director, we will learn about how stones and gems ultimately become jewels during a talk and a tour of her studio. Learn how original hand drawings become pieces of jewellery and see first hand the detail and craftsmanship that goes into creating the collections. Annoushka was awarded Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her services to the British jewellery industry, which spans three decades and began with Links Of London, which Annoushka and her husband John Ayton founded in 1990.

No charge. To reserve a place please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY, 7PM

## MILTON ABBEY CHARITY CABARET EVENING

After last year's successful inaugural event, we are delighted to invite parents to the second Charity Cabaret Evening at Milton Abbey School. This is the night before half term and we very much hope you, and your friends, will be able to attend. Pupils will be preparing and serving a three course dinner in the Abbot's Hall as well as providing the cabaret entertainment. All proceeds from the evening will go to the school's two charities: Julia's House, a children's hospice in Dorset, and SKRUM an African charity that uses rugby to help educate children about AIDS. Last year tickets sold quickly so if you would like to be part of this wonderful evening please reserve your places in good time.

Tickets: £35. Black Tie. To reserve a place please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 10.30AM - 2.30PM

## ART TOURS WITH JOHN MARTIN AND JOHNNY MESSUM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT HIX MAYFAIR



John Martin (John Martin Gallery) and Johnny Messum (Messum's Fine Art) are at the forefront of a move by London gallery owners to make art shows more accessible to a wider audience. John writes, "Few people are aware of the extraordinary depth of exhibitions going on in commercial galleries in London and whilst there is a huge popular appetite for art, west end galleries are hard to locate and many of them are never open at times that suit the public." For the past three years John, Johnny and a group of other gallery owners, have collaborated with Brown's Hotel on a hugely popular series of gallery tours, giving guests a unique introduction to Mayfair's 150 private galleries and specialist dealers, meeting the personalities that shape London's art market and experiencing the rich variety of exhibitions they put

on. Meeting at Brown's Hotel for coffee at 10:30, they will take us on a tour of four exhibitions, with a gallery director in each venue to tell you about the show, returning to Brown's for a three course lunch (including wines) at HIX Mayfair.

Cost: £60

Numbers are limited so please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk) in good time to reserve your places.

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## SKI WEEKEND IN SAAS FEE, SWITZERLAND

Following on from the success of last year's MASPA ski trip, we are returning again in March for a long weekend in this fabulous Swiss ski resort. We will be staying in a beautiful chalet, owned by a Milton Abbey parent, which sleeps up to 14 people. The chalet is situated on the Hohnegg Plateau above the village with stunning views of the surrounding mountains and down to the car free village below. We will fly to Zurich and transfers will be arranged to take us up to Saas Fee. We hope you will join us for what should be a wonderful few days in the mountains: come on your own, as a couple or with a friend. Skiers of all abilities are welcome – it is possible to do ski race training, ski guiding and off piste skiing as well as simply enjoying the slopes at a more leisurely pace with or without a guide or instructor.

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MONDAY 13 MARCH 6.30 - 8.30PM

## THE LANSDOWNE CLUB, LONDON. DEMYSTIFYING THE WORLD OF WINE



Patrick McGrath Master of Wine, old Miltonian and our Chair of Governors, is kindly hosting three wine tastings for MASPAs spread over the current academic year. Patrick is Managing Director of Hatch Mansfield, UK specialists in premium wine made by independent, family owned producers.

The tastings are as much for wine buffs as for those who want to have a better understanding of the world of wine. On this occasion the focus will be red wine and Patrick will share eight to ten wines with us, taking us through the best known grapes varieties and the key wine regions of the world.

We will journey through the main wine regions of the world such as Burgundy, Bordeaux, La Rioja, Tuscany, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, California and South Africa. In Patrick's words, "This will not be a pompous, stuffy tasting but a fun, relaxed evening together where you will hopefully learn something you didn't know."

Cost: £30

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THURSDAY 23 MARCH, 7.30 FOR 8PM

## MASPA FIFTH FORM PARENTS' SUPPER, THE IBBERTON, NR MILTON ABBEY



This is a chance for fifth form parents to get together for supper on the last night of term, ahead of picking up their children the next day for the Easter holidays.

The Ibberton is a gastro pub which has reopened recently, close to Milton Abbey, and is getting great reviews. We very much hope that both mothers and fathers will join us for a delicious supper and the opportunity to catch up or meet the parents of your children's friends.

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