



MASPA

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



EVENT CALENDAR

Lent Term 2015

Welcome

Welcome to the Lent 2015 calendar of events for Milton Abbey School Parents' Association (MASPA).

MASPA is only one term old but it has been very positively received and supported by parents during that short time. A big thank you to everyone who has come along to a Coffee Stop or one of the four events to date. Our aim is to provide parents with a range of opportunities to meet each other socially in informal settings each term.

For the Lent term we have two special trips arranged and by their nature places are limited. If you are interested please ensure you book your place, via maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk as soon as you are able to avoid any disappointment.

In addition, we are holding a MASPA lunch for parents of Third and Fourth form parents in London in response to suggestions parents which we hope you will support.

Looking ahead to the Summer term, MASPA's first overseas trip beckons with a visit at the end of June to the Champagne region in France and tours of two well known Champagne Houses, Ayala and Taittinger.

We aim to keep our calendar of events as varied and entertaining as possible and would welcome any suggestions you may 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 with us at maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk.

Additionally, if you would like to get involved in planning and suggesting future events do please come along to our planning meetings next term, details of which are at the end of this calendar of events. Meetings are held twice a term, one in London and one at School at the start of an exeat or half term.

We very much look forward to seeing you next term, please do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for us.

Camilla Bashaarat and Fenella Kelsey
Co-Chairs of MASPA

5 February 2015

Private Tour of Athelhampton House and Lunch

Join us for a private tour of Athelhampton House and gardens in Dorset, recognised as one of the most outstanding Tudor houses in England. Based closed to Milton Abbey School, Athelhampton House is a spectacular 15th century manor house.

The Great Hall built in 1485 is the heart of Athelhampton House which has been added to throughout the centuries as the house became domesticated. The Gallery shows examples of the work of the artist Marevna who lived at Athelhampton from 1948 – 1957 and Thomas Hardy, who lived nearby, visited regularly and set the poem 'The Dame of Athelhall' at the house. The gardens are full of variety; the formal architecture is balanced by woodland scenes. The formal gardens were built between 1891 – 1899 by Alfred Cart de Lafontaine.

The day will begin at 11am with coffee and tea in the Great Hall, followed by a private tour of the house and gardens at 11.30pm. Lunch will be in the Coach House at 12.45pm.

The cost of the visit is £23.50 excluding drinks at lunchtime. Please contact maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk to register.

This event is kindly arranged by Evelyne Beresford and offered by Patrick and Andrea Cooke.



12 February 2015

Third and Fourth Form Parents' Lunch

MASPA is holding a lunch at The Fifth Floor Restaurant, Harvey Nichols on 12 February at 12.30pm. We very much hope that both Mothers and Fathers will join us for a three course set menu including wine for £35.00 per head .

The Fifth Floor Restaurant at the iconic Harvey Nichols in Knightsbridge is known for serving the finest seasonal produce in a lovely, stylish setting – perfect for taking some time out to meet the parents of your child/children's school friends.

To reserve a place please email maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk and please note that Mums and Dads are equally welcome.

Do join us for what we hope will be the first of a number of year group lunches.



3 March 2015

Private Tour of Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace
5pm – 7.30pm

This is a rare chance to see behind the scenes at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. The Chapel Royal is at the heart of Hampton Court Palace and part of the ecclesiastical Household of Her Majesty the Queen. It is a beautiful chapel which has been in continuous use for over 450 years. Outstandingly rich, colourful and layered with history, the famous chapel's ceiling is described as the grand culmination of the Tudor interiors at Hampton Court.

The event will start at 5pm with a private lecture and tour before listening to the Chapel Royal choristers in action. Guests will then be invited to stay on for drinks and refreshments in a private Georgian apartment in the Palace.

The tour is kindly organised by Bernard and Michele Price and numbers are limited to 40 guests. The cost is £10 per head to include drinks/canapés.

To register please email maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk.



Looking Ahead: Dates for your Diary

Trip to Champagne, France: 26 – 28 June 2015

MASPA's inaugural overseas trip to the Champagne region in France promises to be a memorable event with private tours of two Champagne Houses: Ayala and Taittinger.

We will travel from London to Paris via Eurostar on First Class Premier and then on the TGV to Reims. On Friday we will visit Taittinger for a tour and tasting. On Saturday we will visit Ayala Champagne House for another tour and tasting.

We will stay in a three star boutique hotel, Les Grains D'Argent, in the heart of the vineyards, known for its excellent cuisine.

Final costs are being agreed with the hotel but are expected to be approx. £460 pp to include Eurostar, hotel accommodation for two nights and the Champagne House tours and tastings.

This trip is being organised with the help of Shaun and Wendy Tordoff who have secured special rates with both Eurostar, the hotel and Ayala. Patrick McGrath, an old Miltonian and Governor of the School is kindly arranging the tour and tasting at Taittinger.

Places for this trip are limited to 24 people. In order for us to secure the hotel and Eurostar bookings, please register by the end of January 2015.



Coffee Stop Dates

Break your journey and join us for a restorative coffee and refreshments in the Tuck Shop ahead of exeats and half term.

The Coffee Stops are from 11.30am – 12.30pm on the following dates:

- 22 January – 1st exeat
- 13 February – Half-term
- 12 March – 2nd exeat

MASPA planning meetings

Please join us for an informal planning session on both or either of these dates:

London: Tuesday 20 January, 11.30am:
Brasserie Max, Covent Garden Hotel

Milton Abbey School: 12 March 10.30am – 11.30am:
Tuck Shop