



MASPA

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

SUMMER TERM 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



WELCOME

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

Thanks to your ongoing support we feel we really are achieving our original aim of providing parents with a range of interesting opportunities to meet each other socially in informal settings. We have had so many wonderful and varied events over the past two and a half years since we set up MASPA. Good friendships have been forged and a great deal of fun has been had along the way.

We hope that you will be tempted to join us at one or more of the events we have planned for the Summer Term whether it is a guided tour of the David Hocky exhibition at Tate Britain, a Dorset creative chocolate experience, the last of Patrick McGrath's wine tastings – this time champagne and rosé - or the wonderful midsummer's flower day we have planned with Bayntun Flowers.

As ever, we would welcome ideas 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. We very much look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

Best wishes

Camilla Bashaarat and Abigail Benson

MASPA Co-Chairs

THURSDAY 18 MAY, 12NOON

GUIDED TOUR OF DAVID HOCKNEY EXHIBITION, TATE BRITAIN



David Hockney is one of the most popular and influential British artists of the 20th century; this exhibition is said to be his most comprehensive yet. It gathers together a selection of his most famous works celebrating his achievements in painting, drawing, print, photography and video across six decades. From his portraits and images of Los Angeles swimming pools, through to his drawings and photography, Yorkshire landscapes and most recent paintings – some of which have never been seen before in public - this exhibition shows how the roots of each new direction lay in the work that came before.

Cost: £30 Numbers are restricted so please RSVP to maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk asap

TUESDAY 13 JUNE, 6.30 - 8.30PM

CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING & ROSÉ WINE TASTING AT DURRANTS HOTEL LED BY PATRICK MCGRATH, CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS



Patrick McGrath Master of Wine, old Miltonian and our Chair of Governors, is kindly hosting three wine tastings for MASPA spread over the current academic year. As parents who attended the first two events will tell you, these sessions are great fun and are as much for wine buffs as for those who want to have a better understanding of the world of wine. This last tasting will have a focus on summer as we will be tasting champagne, sparkling and rosé wines. Patrick will share eight to ten wines with us, explaining how the different styles are made and giving us his view on what the future holds. Join us at Durrants Hotel, George Street, London which is owned and managed by Milton Abbey parent Ben Miller.

Cost: £41 per person. Please book your place at maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk

We will have supper after the tasting at Durrants Hotel so we can further enjoy the wines and the company. Cost TBC.

SATURDAY 20 - MONDAY 22 MAY

MASPA WINE AND PORT TASTING TRIP TO PORTUGAL

For the third year running we are organising a MASPA wine tasting trip overseas. Having visited Champagne in 2015 and Tuscany in 2016 we are now off to Portugal, staying in Oporto and Pinhão in the Douro valley, very much the destination of the moment for wine, and of course, port enthusiasts. The trip will be based around visiting the two great British port families - The Fladgate Partnership, run by Adrian Bridge and his wife Natasha, and the Symington family estate, run by Paul Symington with his brothers, sisters and the rest of the family. These two houses own many of the great port names and have been making port for hundreds of years and the Symington have more recently been making, in Patrick McGrath's words, 'some seriously good wines'.

We will stay at The Vintage House hotel in Pinhão, Douro Valley and in the award winning Yeatman hotel in Oporto. These luxurious hotels are among the best in Portugal and the weekend promises to be truly memorable. We are extremely grateful to the generosity of Steve and Kirsten Gates who are covering much of the cost of this trip, enabling parents' payments to be donated straight to the Milton Abbey Fund.



THURSDAY 25 MAY, 2.00PM

“A CREATIVE CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE” WITH CHOCOLATIER AMANDA SMITH OF AMUSE CHOCOLATES, SYMONDSBURY ESTATE, DORSET



We are returning to the beautiful Symondsburry Estate in Dorset for a half day's themed chocolate event. This will include a guided chocolate tasting, a talk about chocolate and a cookery session where we will make truffles and a chocolate mousse. Amanda's chocolates are made in Symondsburry and she uses as many locally produced ingredients as possible. She loves working with edible flowers and herbs -this will be day of fabulous flavour combinations and taste sensations. Come in time to have lunch in the delicious Symondsburry café before the chocolate fun begins.

Cost: £80

Please reserve your place by emailing maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk

THURSDAY 8 JUNE, 12.30PM

MIDDLE AND LOWER SIXTH PARENTS' LUNCH, THE POLISH CLUB, LONDON



Our annual year group lunches have become a popular MASPA staple in our termly calendar of events. They are a great opportunity for parents to get together with the parents of their children's friends over lunch in a relaxed setting.

This term it is our Lower and Middle Sixth mothers and fathers to convene on Thursday 8 June. We have decided to return to the Polish Club's Ognisko Restaurant on Exhibition Road, London SW7.

The Ognisko has proved a very popular venue for Milton Abbey parents and serves really delicious

Eastern and Central European food. Situated on the ground floor of the Polish Hearth Club, this is a light and airy venue with a terrace overlooking Prince's Gardens.

We were delighted to welcome many new pupils in to the Lower Sixth this academic year and very much hope that the parents of this new intake will be able to join us.

Cost: three course lunch £36 including coffee.

Please book your place at maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk by 1st June.

THURSDAY 15 JUNE, 10.00AM - 3.00PM

A MIDSUMMER FLOWER DAY WITH POLLY NICHOLSON



Join Milton Abbey parent Polly Nicholson of Bayntun Flowers in her Cutting Gardens at Blackland Park, Calne, Wiltshire. The day will start with a tour of the formal walled gardens and the more agricultural flower field where Polly will talk you through the sourcing, planting and harvesting of the rare and wonderful flowers she grows for her small-scale business. June is the month of paeonies, roses and sweet peas, which there will be in abundance. After a delicious organic lunch in the greenhouse Polly will demonstrate her method of creating scented, textural arrangements, before it is your turn to have a go. Your hand-tied bunches will be wrapped ready to take home with you at the end of the day.

Please bring wellies and cash or cheques for vintage jugs and buckets, flower and plant purchases.

Cost £71 per person

Please book your place at maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk

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