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Ahead of the UK Government's emergency budget today, Deputy First Minister and Finance Secretary John Swinney has urged the Chancellor to rethink the UK's 'broken' programme of austerity saying it is not just unfair but damaging to the economy and undermines attempts to stimulate growth.

Since the March budget, the economic outlook has remained broadly positive in both Scotland and the UK as whole. However, the Deputy First Minister believes that challenges around the nature of the economic recovery remain and has called on the Chancellor to use this budget to focus on measures to boost the recovery, improve productivity and support those in low pay.

The UK Chancellor George Osborne will deliver the first Conservative budget since 1996 following the General Election in May. The Chancellor is expected to begin delivering his budget at 12.30pm following Prime Minister's Questions. The UK Parliament has issued a briefing paper and background on the budget which you can read below.



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Swimeasy Ltd are based in Edinburgh and have asked for this infographic on keeping children safe from drowning this year to be shared as widely as possible.

Please help us to share this. We've put together a short infographic which could help to prevent a child from drowning this summer.

Posted by [SwimEasy Ltd](#) on [Tuesday, 7 July 2015](#)

Phill Jupitus will return to the National Galleries of Scotland this summer for *Sketch Comic*, a free show which highlights his deep love of art.

Sketch Comic is part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and will take place from 7 to 28 August 2015. During those three weeks during which Phill Jupitus will sketch some of his favourite artworks from the National Galleries of Scotland on his iPad using the "Paper" app, which works as a sketchbook and allows artists to capture drawings and illustrations with a stylus. Visitors will be encouraged to watch, join in, and share their own sketches. Some *Sketch Comic* sessions will be designed for under 12s; Phill will also host a weekly free special talk about his love of painting and his experience of sketching in the Galleries, with special guests joining him onstage.

Perhaps best known as a team captain on the popular BBC Two pop quiz *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, Phill Jupitus is a multi-talented artist whose repertoire includes poetry, acting, radio DJ and drawing.

Queen Margaret University (QMU) students will stage their annual Film & Media Degree Show at Edinburgh's Flimhouse on Lothian Road on Thursday 9th July from 8.30pm.

The event, which will be opened by Fiona Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs), will present work from QMU's 2nd, 3rd and 4th year film and media students, including a wonderfully varied selection of short promotional films, dramas and documentaries.

The 10 short films made by QMU's Film & Media students are this year's cream of the crop, covering a diverse range of subjects and genres. The documentaries profile an award winning artist, take you on a musical journey to the streets of Morocco and show you how to build an Earthship. The dramas feature characters dealing with the effects of grief, poverty, illness and... junk mail.

Graham Drysdale, Lecturer in Screenwriting & Digital Filmmaking at QMU, said: "This year, Edinburgh's popular Filmhouse is once again hosting our Film & Media Degree Show, providing an ideal venue to see the students' work at its best. Cinema-goers can look forward to viewing a diverse range of films, covering all sorts of genres and styles. Perhaps immodestly, we think it's one of our strongest ever screenings – we hope you'll agree."

"This event is always a highlight in the QMU calendar as it provides a platform for us to celebrate creativity, as well as allowing students to unveil films they have worked on over the last year. It's important to our students to see their work on the big screen. There's nothing like hearing and seeing an

audience respond to your film in the way you hoped when you first conceived of the idea.”

Then audience will get the chance to cast their votes for best film and the winner will be announced by the QMU’s Principal, Professor Petra Wend, at the post-screening reception.

Tickets can be purchased from Edinburgh’s Filmhouse by calling 0131 228 2688 or online at www.filmhousecinema.com



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