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Franco-British Student Alliance Entente Cordiale Annual Meeting

**“The challenges to Franco-British relations in an increasingly
integrated world”**

7th–9th April 2006



At the Marquess of Salisbury's Hatfield House estate, Hertfordshire

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The History and Purpose of the Franco-British Student Alliance

Leading students, academics and recent alumni of the *University of Oxford*, the *University of Cambridge*, the *London School of Economics*, *HEC*, *Ecole Polytechnique* and *Sciences-Po*, have united to form the **Franco-British Student Alliance**.

The Alliance was launched in 2004 at Chateau de Breteuil near Paris to mark the centennial celebrations of the Entente Cordiale. Uniquely, the Alliance has been granted the patronage of both Her Majesty the Queen and the President of the French Republic.



The Alliance **aims to galvanise positive Franco-British relations** and enable students from both sides of the Channel to forge strong ties of friendship and respect by meeting regularly to address key contemporary issues affecting France and Britain and their role in the European Union and the international community.

Building upon the Success of the Paris 2005 Summit

The Alliance's inaugural summit was held in Paris during the October 2005 anniversary of the bi-centenary of Trafalgar. The weekend summit attracted over 300 students from 6 universities and over 50 guests from politics, business, law and academia to **discuss the challenges of Corporate Social Responsibility in the developing world**.

High profile international guests included Rt. Hon Baroness Amos, Leader of the House of Lords, Sir John Holmes, British Ambassador to France, Général Henri Bentégeat, Chief of the French Defence Staff, and Denis Ranque, CEO of Thales



On left: Beryn Sebe, 2006-07 President

The Hatfield House Entente Cordiale Meeting 2006

The annual Hatfield House Meeting, hosted by the Marquess of Salisbury, sees 180 students from 6 universities meet with their French and British peers to discuss the Entente Cordiale in the 21st century.

International business leaders, politicians, journalists, and academics will chair **student working groups** to guide and inspire discussion on the following **6 key areas** raised recently at Davos' World Economic Forum:

- **Law** – safeguarding human rights
- **Politics** – combating international terrorism
- **Business and finance** – the challenge of China
- **Science and technology** – intellectual property rights
- **Arts and culture** – the threat of cultural homogenisation
- **Education** – international higher education



One of the magnificent working group venues

The Hatfield House event draws together 180 of the most promising students and top graduates from 6 universities, providing an exceptional communication and recruitment opportunity for firms or institutions sponsoring the Alliance activities.



Programme of Events for Hatfield House Annual Weekend Meeting

Friday 7th April 2006

- Afternoon** French students **arrive** by coach in Cambridge and unpack at college accommodation
7pm **Buffet and drinks reception** at University Centre followed by party

Saturday 8th April 2006

- Morning** Brunch and **guided tour** of Cambridge University
- 2pm** Participants **arrive** by coach at Hatfield House
- 2.15 pm** **Welcoming speech** by the Marquess of Salisbury in the **Marble Hall**
Speeches from student representatives
- 3pm** Phased group **tours** of Hatfield House whilst **students examine sponsor presentation stands** in the Armoury (tea and coffee served).
- 4pm** **Workshops** of 30 students in the Marble Hall, Library, Winter Dining Room, King James' Drawing Room, Long Gallery and Chapel. Each working group **chaired by expert panel of 3 guests**
- 6.15pm** Summary from 1 student from each working group in **the Marble Hall**
Closing speeches from **sponsors**
Closing speeches from **leading guest and Alliance chairmen**
- 7.30pm** **Black tie reception and 3 course dinner** for students and guests in the magnificent Old Palace
- 9.30pm** Optional **disco** and bar in Old Palace
- Midnight** Coaches **depart**

The joint Patrons of the Alliance are the Most Hon. the **Marquess of Salisbury** and the **Marquis de Breteuil**, both descendents of the architects of the Entente Cordiale Treaty of 1904, and several Trustees have granted their full support as Honorary Members: H.E. the French Ambassador in Britain, H.E. the British Ambassador in France, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the United-Kingdom and France, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British Society, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British Council, the Director of the British Council in Paris, the Director of the Alliance Française in London, the Chancellors of the 6 Universities, Sir Christopher Mallaby, Lord Williams of Elvel, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Marquess of Lansdowne, Duke of Bedford, Lord Campbell of Alloway, Lord Wallace of Saltire, Lord Grenfell, Lord Cockfield, Baroness Falkner of Margravine, Baroness Rawlings, Baroness Morris of Bolton, Sir Stuart Bell MP, Mr. Maurice Druon, of the Académie Française, Prince Gabriel de Broglie, of the Académie Française, Mr. Charles Hargrove, Pierre Lequiller MP, Pierre Lellouche MP, Valérie Pécresse MP, Olivier Jardé MP, Martine Aurillac MP, Jacques Godfrain MP, Yves Censi MP.