

Somerville Association AGM & Winter Meeting
Somerville
Saturday 25 February 2012

Our next Winter Meeting in Somerville will be on Saturday 25 February 2012 and will be preceded by the AGM of the Somerville Association, including an update from the Principal on the plans for the College's future and the election of Committee members.

The subject of the Winter Meeting itself will be a talk by Princess Zarith Idris of Johor, Malaysia (Oriental Studies, 1979), entitled:
We Are Like You: What Muslims in Malaysia have in common with other communities around the world.

Zarith Idris, a daughter of the late Sultan Idris of Perak, is married to Sultan Ibrahim of Johor. They have six children. She is the chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, and is a Royal Fellow of the School of Language Studies and Linguistics, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She supports various charitable and non-governmental organisations. She is Royal Patron of the Johor Spastic Children's Association, the Rotary Club of Tebrau Foundation and the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association. She is also the Royal Adviser for the Malaysian Red Crescent. She has presented papers at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's international language conference. In April 2011, she was invited to be one of the speakers at the Credit Suisse Philanthropist Forum in Singapore.

Raja Zarith is a strong advocate of improving the use of English in Malaysia. In addition to Malay and English, she speaks Mandarin Chinese, Italian and French. She has authored four children's books, and writes a periodical newspaper, often promoting multiculturalism and understanding between religious and ethnic communities throughout Malaysia. In 2010 she wrote: "We can choose to see what we have in common or we can just focus on the differences. We can choose to remain ignorant about others or we can ask for guidance from our religious leaders and officials to help us broaden our perspective."

The charge for the meeting (2.30 pm) will be £15, including tea. Before the meeting, a light luncheon (soup/sandwiches/a glass of wine) will be available from 1.00 pm at a cost of £15. Guests are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return it by 18th February 2012 to Elizabeth Robson at Somerville, OX2 6HD, enclosing a cheque made payable to Somerville College and S.A.E. if you require an acknowledgement. If you prefer to pay by debit card please telephone Elizabeth on 01865 280626

Booking Form – AGM and Winter Meeting

Name _____

Telephone No _____ Email address _____

Names of any guests _____

I require _____ place(s) for the meeting @ £15 each and _____ place(s) for luncheon @ £15 each and I enclose a cheque payable to "Somerville College" for £ _____

I have the following dietary or other requirement _____

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