

# Bruges graduates can surely pay

*From Mr Michiel van Hulten.*

Sir, Nick Clegg has attacked the government's decision to slash the number of scholarships for British students at the College of Europe in Bruges ([report, February 4](#)).

As you point out, many Bruges graduates go on to join the ranks of the European civil service, whose salaries rival those of the best paid private sector jobs.

Instead of asking hard-up ordinary Britons to pay for the education of Europe's future elite, why not recognise the college's invaluable and undisputed contribution to the process of European integration by funding it through a special windfall tax on its former students?

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