



From left to right: Dr Derek Wall (Green party), Mr Patrick McDonald (Labour), Alfie Thain (Head Boy), Eleanor Eavery (Head Girl), Mr Simon Dudley (Conservative) and Mr Tony Hill (Liberal Democrats)

A busy week for Great Britain and a busy week for The Piggott School!

On Tuesday 6th June, with the general election looming, the year 12 students took to asking some crucial and difficult questions about their futures to local MP's; Dr Derek Wall (Green party), Mr Tony Hill (Liberal democrats) and Mr Patrick McDonald (Labour). Rather understandably the local Conservative MP, Theresa May, couldn't attend and thus Mr Simon Dudley (Council Leader for Maidenhead Riverside Conservative) stood in. The four handled the questions very well with occasional "oohs" and "aaah's" from the students as different opinions were expressed on heated topics such as Brexit and university funding. Alfie Thain (Head Boy) and I, Eleanor Eavery (Head Girl) hosted the hustings which ran during second lesson. Overall the hours debate was very compelling and a fantastic learning experience!

Moving on to Thursday 8th June, the big day! Tradition at the Piggott School is that we run an internal election with every student and teacher getting a vote. The process starts the weeks beforehand where passionate 6th formers represent the party of their choice. Sam Davis (Liberal Democrats), Jane Kennedy (Conservative) and Faye Thompson (Labour) presented their party's manifestos, and what they stand for, to each year group so that the students were not voting blind. On the day, the canteen is turned into a polling station with ballot papers and sealed boxes at the ready. The Prefect team help to man the stands throughout lessons one, two and three as the school cast their vote, with voting closing at 12:20. The votes are then counted and kept secret until 14:50, where the whole school gathers and the results are announced. I had the pleasure of announcing the top three, and Jane Kennedy did a splendid job of announcing 6th, 5th and 4th.

To conclude, here's the results of The Piggott School Election 2017: Labour – 32%, Conservative – 27%, Liberal Democrats – 21%, UKIP – 11%, Green – 8%, Independent (other) 1%.