

2019 Wadham School and the General Election

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Last week the country voted in the 2019 general election, with the results showing that we now have a majority Conservative government with 43.6% of the electorate voting for them.

The students here at Wadham also had the chance to voice their opinion at a ballot box as part of an election day hustings. The sixth formers in charge of the election were friendly and well prepared and they voiced their opinions strongly. The results were counted by Dr James and they came back with a small majority for the Liberal Democrats.

Labour – 13.0%
Green – 18.8%
Conservative – 33.3%
Liberal Democrat – 34.8%

We asked some of the students for their views on the parties' manifestos and their party of choice. Here's what they said:

"I'm voting Lib Dem because I agree most with their policies" (anonymous)

"I'm voting Green because I think they are the best" (anonymous)

"Conservatives, because I believe in the rich getting richer because they help the poor" (anonymous)

"I will vote for Labour because even though I like Green it would cost a lot of money to do their policies" (anonymous)

"I'm not voting because I don't know anything about politics" (anonymous)

"I will vote Lib Dem because they are the only ones who have a chance of beating the Tories in this constituency" (anonymous)

"I don't want to vote because I can't be bothered" (anonymous)

People fought for our democratic right to vote and it is important that we do not take this opportunity for granted. Many countries around the world do

not have the right to a voice and so it is vital that we engage in politics and understand the impact that it has in every aspect of our life.