

Platanos College News

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Houses of Parliament tour with Lord Adonis

On Friday 25th October 2019, five of our Year 11 pupils were invited for a personal tour of the Houses of Parliament by Lord Andrew Adonis.

Lord Adonis, a history graduate and long serving Labour Party politician, delivered a fascinating tour of the House of Lords and House of Commons. He gave a comprehensive history of the Houses of Parliament. Our pupils learned how the Houses of Parliament was styled on its neighbouring Westminster Abbey, about the premierships of William Pitt the Younger and William Pitt the Elder, the reign of Queen Victoria (who was Queen when the Houses of Parliament was built) and other key events in the history of the parliament building.

Additionally, our pupils were educated on the formalities, traditions and ceremonies associated with British politics: from the Queen's state opening of Parliament to the day-to-day debates, discussions and votes in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Our Year 11s were able to ask questions to Lord Adonis and were understandably awed by the beauty and grandeur of the building – especially in the House of Lords.

For a serving politician to give a personal tour of the Houses was very



much a once in a life time opportunity and Lord Adonis did not disappoint. The pupils are grateful to Lord Adonis for their invite – this will be an experience that will live long in their memories.

