

## Leadership Defined, Part 2

Continuing on from the leadership traits we learnt about last week, students reflected on their personal experiences of leadership.

- Can you give an example of when you have been the best leader?
- What is a role model? Who are your role models? Why are role models important for leadership?
- Do you consider yourself to be a leader or a follower and why? (Juniors)
- Are leaders born, or can they be made? Discuss your answer. (Seniors)

We spent half an hour writing and sharing our answers to these questions.

We then thought about the importance of **effective leadership in politics**. Although we had all heard of democracy, there were a number of other systems of government that students were introduced to.

Can you match up the name of the system to the description?

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| • Anarchy     | • rule by the best, in effect rule by an upper class             |
| • Autocracy   | • rule by god  |
| • Aristocracy | • rule by those with greatest technical and scientific knowledge |
| • Meritocracy | • rule by the people   |
| • Theocracy   | • rule by elders   |
| • Democracy   | • rule by none   |
| • Monarchy    | • rule by a king or queen  |
| • Technocracy | • rule by oneself  |
| • Oligarchy   | • rule by a few  |
| • Geriocracy  | • rule by the most able  |

Although we are used to democracy and it often seems the fairest system, are there any other systems of rule that could be considered a good idea? Which ones, when and why?

In the UK, our political system is a democracy. Here is an introduction to the way that Parliament and our political system work:

Juniors: <https://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/introduction-to-parliament-ks2-video/>

Seniors: <https://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/an-introduction-to-parliament-ks3-5-video/>

Finally, we introduced our new Young Leaders' Student Council, launching this month! Manifestos will be written next week, and elections will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Any interested students can speak to Miss Chloe for more information.