**CLEARLAKE Q&A – LA – 15 MAY 2024**

**Early Life**

* Born in New York and growing up in London and Brussels, can you share some insights into your upbringing and how your early life experiences shaped your world view and approach to politics?
* 20 Prime Ministers were educated at Eton College and 28 at Oxford University, given you attended both, what do you think it is about these institutions that equipped you with the skills to succeed in politics?

**Career**

Journalism and Writing

* Having started your career as a journalist for The Times and The Daily Telegraph from 1987 to 1994 and gaining prominence as a political columnist, what were some of the most memorable stories you covered during that period and how did journalism set you up for a successful career in politics?

Tenure as Mayor of London

* Serving as the Mayor of London from 2008 to 2016, you had a significant impact on the city, things such as playing a key role in the preparations and hosting of the 2012 Summer Olympics and the Cycle Hire Scheme - “Boris Bikes”. What were your proudest achievements during that time and how did this tenure as Mayor set you up for national leadership?

Tenure as Foreign Secretary

* Having served as Foreign Secretary between 2016 and 2018, you are well versed in foreign policy, how do you think the UK can re-establish itself as a global leader in areas such as industry, education and financial services?

Tenure As Prime Minister

* Brexit
  + As a prominent advocate for Brexit and having been Prime Minister during the final stages of Brexit, negotiating a revised withdrawal agreement and securing parliamentary approval for it - could you share your thoughts on the UK’s decision to leave the European Union,  what were the most challenging moments during the Brexit process and how do you envision the UK’s future relationship going forward with the European Union and elsewhere?
* COVID-19 Pandemic
  + You faced the unprecedented challenge of managing the COVID-19 pandemic, can you walk us through what those early discussions behind doors looked like with your cabinet but also other global leaders?
* Domestic Policies and Reforms
  + You’ve been outspoken on your committed support to the National Health Service, building hospital infrastructure and an increase in home supply. What domestic policies or reforms were you most passionate about during your tenure and which ones are you still advocating for today?
* Foreign Relations and Diplomacy
  + From taking a tough stance against Russia at the onset of the Russia/Ukraine war to your view on finding a balanced approach on diplomatic and economic ties with China, can you share insights into your approach to foreign relations, strengthen ties with other countries and can you touch on key diplomatic achievements or setbacks during your time in office?
* Having met Her Majesty the Queen two days before her passing, what were your interactions with her like during your time in office and what key takeaways did she provide you with?

**Today**

* Let’s talk Russia-Ukraine. You’ve highlighted your unwavering support for Ukraine in the Russia-Ukraine war. Assuming there’s a winner in war, can Russia win the war in Ukraine? How does a “win” impact the West’s relationship with Russia? What are the consequences globally of a Russia win versus a Ukraine win, specifically the impact to the global economy?
* What do you think are the most significant global challenges facing the UK today and how would you address them if you were in a position of power?
* Let’s talk US election, having been a Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister during both Donald Trump and Joe Biden’s tenures as President, how pivotal will the next US election be in shaping global foreign policy given the current geo-political landscape and who do you think will win the next US election?
* What are your plans for the future?

**Bonus Questions**

* Looking back, what do you consider your most significant accomplishment as Prime Minister?
* What advice would you give to future leaders today?
* What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?
* Given your appreciation for history and literature, if you could invite any historical figure for a dinner party, who would it be and why?