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First Sark Youth Forum Provides Valuable Insight into Island Governance

The first-ever Sark Youth Forum has been celebrated as a successful and meaningful initiative, offering young people a unique opportunity to engage with and better understand how Sark’s government operates.

Led by the Speaker of Chief Pleas in collaboration with Sark School, the Forum brought together students to explore how ideas are developed, presented and considered within Sark’s parliamentary system. The event provided a practical introduction to the mechanisms of government, including how propositions are formed and delivered.

A proposal for a mountain bike trail was ultimately selected to be taken forward as an example; the Forum’s primary aim was educational - giving students a hands-on experience of debate, decision-making and civic participation.

The participation of Sark School Class 3 students, who presented their ideas with confidence and clarity, demonstrated both enthusiasm and a strong willingness to engage with community issues.

The Speaker of Chief Pleas, who led the initiative alongside Sark School, said:

‘This first Youth Forum has been an extremely positive experience. It has provided students with a valuable insight into how Chief Pleas operates, from the development of propositions through to debate and decision-making. The aim is not necessarily that every idea will come to fruition, but that young people gain an understanding of the processes of government and feel encouraged to take part in civic life. I am particularly grateful to Sark School and to the students who took part so thoughtfully.’

Conseillers who participated have described the Forum as a strong foundation for future events and expressed their intention to continue developing the initiative, ensuring that Sark’s young people have regular opportunities to engage with and learn about their government.

This inaugural Youth Forum marks an important step in fostering greater awareness, participation, and understanding of Sark’s democratic processes among the island’s younger generation.



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