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Helston Town Council hosted two Youth Engagement Events during the first week in November which coincided with school parliament week.

Pupils from the School Councils of Helston's three primary schools; Nansloe Academy, St Michael's and Parc Eglos, visited the Guildhall to meet the Mayor, Macebearers, Beadle, Town Clerk, staff and Councillors – all in their appropriate regalia. Also visiting were Helston's 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownies who had requested to meet the Mayor following their attendance at the Civic Sunday Service in July. The evening events were designed to de-mystify local government, giving young people an opportunity to see inside the Guildhall and get a flavour of how Helston Town Council operates.



The children were invited for a chat in the Mayor's Parlour, they took on a trail quiz around the Council Chamber to find out about its history, they also participated in waste recycling and climate action group activities. Soon after this the children took their seats around the Council table and participated in a debate, offering proposals they had prepared, for and against this year's topic: *'Children can make a big difference to the environment'*. After the debate a proposal was made and a vote taken, in the presence of the on-looking Teachers, Councillors and Parents. The children were presented with prizes for 'best debaters', 'quiz winner' and 'most memorable contribution to the evening'.



The Mayor, Councillor John Martin, ended the debate with thanks to the young people for their enthusiastic participation. He added "It was a pleasure to meet so many young people showing a keen interest in the Town Council and bringing their views to the debate about the environment. It was clear that they wanted to share their opinions about climate change with us, which was very humbling".