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Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Cayman Islands Branch Hosts 19th Youth Parliament

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The Cayman Islands Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will be hosting its 19th Youth Parliament (YP) Programme for the 2025-2026 school year.

In previous years, the YP programme involved debates on a Government Motion, a Private Member's Motion, or a Bill, which were all selected and written by the students. The debate has always taken place on Commonwealth Day, which is celebrated annually on the second Monday of March.

Students aged 15-18, from schools across Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac, are invited to participate. The YP programme includes lectures on parliamentary practices and procedures, Standing Orders of the House, the roles of Members of Parliament, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and House business.

Honourary Secretary and Clerk of the Parliament, **Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin**, expressed her enthusiasm for the programme, noting that "it provides invaluable experience for young people to develop leadership skills, critical thinking, and an understanding of democratic processes."

Deadline for application submission for the 19th YP programme is **Thursday, 25th September 2025**. Applications received after this date will *not* be considered.

The 19th Annual Youth Parliament debate will take place on **Monday, 9th March 2026**, in the Chamber of the House of Parliament.

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Notes:

The Cayman Islands Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is administered by an Executive Committee and works closely with other branches across the Commonwealth and the Overseas Territories,



providing Members of Parliament and Parliament staff with a rich tapestry of resources and networks to develop their skills and understanding of issues impacting our region and Parliamentary legislatures as a whole.

Information about current Youth Parliamentarians and past debates can be found on the Parliament's website:
<https://parliament.ky/commonwealth-parliamentary-association/youth-parliament-programme/>

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