



Durham Constabulary

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NEW RECRUITS TAKE THE OATH

Durham Constabulary's latest intake of new recruits will be formally 'sworn in' as police officers at a ceremony next week.

A total of ten newly-recruited student officers will take part in the attestation ceremony at police headquarters.

After swearing an oath of allegiance to the Queen, they will be presented with their warrant cards and become fully fledged student officers.

They will then be ready to start full training, which involves 11 weeks based in the classroom, followed by ten weeks training with an experienced officer. At the end of that period they will be assessed as being capable of independent patrol and will be assigned to a particular area of work.

Chief Constable Jon Stoddart said: ***"Our foresight and prudent financial management has put us in a position to be able to recruit new officers.***

"They will join the officers and staff of Durham Constabulary who have helped make us one of the UK's top performing forces.

"We will be able to provide an even better policing service to the people of County Durham and Darlington, inspiring confidence in our communities through protecting neighbourhoods, tackling criminals and solving problems, around the clock."

The attestation ceremony will be attended by the Chief Constable and other members of the Executive Team and the Chairman of the Police Authority Mr Peter Thompson. Mr Chris Shore, the chairman of South Durham Magistrates, will accept the oath.

It takes place on Monday, February 6, in the Durham Room, Police HQ, Aykley Heads, from 6pm.

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