

Local Cadet Simeon, of Spring Hill School, Celebrates Achievement at Harrogate Police Cadets Passing-Out Parade

The Harrogate/Ripon community is celebrating the achievements of local young person **Simeon**, who has officially passed out from the **Harrogate Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC)** following months of commitment, dedication, and exemplary performance.

Simeon secured his place in the prestigious cadet programme after successfully completing **three rigorous interviews**, alongside a full **physical assessment** and **medical evaluation**. Once enrolled, he demonstrated outstanding dedication, attending **every single training session except one** throughout the entire programme.

The Volunteer Police Cadets scheme, open to young people aged **13–18**, offers participants a unique introduction to policing. Cadets work closely with serving police officers, gaining practical skills in **first aid, health and safety**, and **basic law enforcement**, while supporting local policing initiatives. Activities include leaflet drops, community safety events, public engagement, and participation in **test-purchase operations**, providing valuable insight into policing and community responsibility.

Simeon's passing-out parade marks a significant milestone in his journey. Preparation involved a week-long period of training and drill refinement, followed by the coached patrol phase, where cadets put their learning into practice. The formal ceremony, attended by invited family members and friends, celebrated the recruits' achievements and welcomed them fully into the policing family.

Wearing smart Police attire in keeping with the event's respectful yet relaxed tone, Simeon joined fellow cadets on parade to receive recognition for his commitment, teamwork, and personal development.

A spokesperson for the Harrogate Cadet Unit praised Simeon's dedication, stating that his consistent attendance, positive attitude, and willingness to take on challenges made him a credit to the programme.

Simeon's success highlights the value and impact of the VPC scheme, which encourages young people to become responsible citizens while gaining confidence, communication skills, and a sense of service to their community.

The passing-out parade marks the beginning of the next chapter in Simeon's cadet journey, with opportunities ahead for further volunteering, community engagement, and leadership development.

We are super proud of you Simeon!

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