

BBC Nine team revealed

The fifteen journalists who will be the face of the new national and international news programme on BBC Scotland have been revealed.

Led by Rebecca Curran and Martin Geissler along with Chief News Correspondent James Cook who returns from North America the new programme is known as the Nine and will begin on Sunday 24 February 2019.

It aims to have a global view while maintaining a distinct Scottish voice and will include a hand-picked team of reporters covering all kinds of subjects from social affairs to sport and entertainment. A team of four will report from Holyrood, Westminster and Brussels.

Hayley Valentine, Editor of The Nine, said: "I'm delighted with the team of presenters and reporters we've put together. It has a great mix of experienced correspondents and new talent, all of whom are working on a raft of original stories for The Nine. Our viewers will get some of the best analysis of Scottish, UK and international news from this team. And I'm confident viewers will enjoy a very different approach to news presenting and storytelling."

We already knew a couple of the names, but now the full team has been announced for the Monday to Friday programme from 9.00 to 10.00pm. (And among others they include the lovely David Farrell who used to present STV's Fountainbridge show.)

Rebecca and Martin will co-present Monday-Thursday while Laura Miller and John Beattie will present the news hour each Friday.

There will also be weekend bulletins with a 15 minute bulletin at 7.00pm on Saturday followed by a review programme presented by Fiona Stalker and Nick Sheridan. On Sundays a similar programme will be presented by Lucy Whyte. The programme will have its separate social media presence.