

## Q&A with Annalise Shelcott

**Name:** Annalise Shelcott (Class of 2012)

**What high school did you attend?**

Copleston High School

**Why did you decide to study A Level Sociology?**

**What are your memories of the course?**

The A Level Sociology course at Northgate was well established and I had a general interest for current affairs, law and order, and society trends.

The course was memorable and enjoyable as we had fantastic teachers.

**What did you study at university?**

I went on to study Law at the University of Warwick. I found that our essays in Sociology prepared me for the assignments at university. The skillset that I obtained was invaluable.

**Tell me about your career path since university.**

After graduating from university I went on to become a part-time paralegal at a local law firm whilst studying full time for the Legal Practice Course. I then went on to commence my training contract which was shortened from 2 years to 18 months due to my previous year-long paralegal experience. I stayed on for 1 year at that firm post-qualification before moving to Birketts LLP in 2019.

**What are you doing now?**

I am a solicitor in the commercial property department (recently promoted to Associate!) at Birketts LLP.



# Ex-Northgate Sociology Students

## Q&A with Joanna Hopes

**Name:** Joanna Hopes  
(Class of 2017)

**What high school did you attend?**

Kesgrave High School

**Why did you choose Northgate Sixth Form?**

I knew Northgate was the Sixth Form for me because of the amazing facilities and approachable teachers.

**What are your memories of the course?**

I loved the crime and deviance topics, especially the theories relating to gender and crime.

**Where did you study Sociology at university?**

I studied Criminology at the University of Surrey. I undertook a one-year placement at a Youth Offending Team. I found that I was able to see real life examples of sociological theories I had studied.

**What are you doing now?**

I am currently a Teaching Assistant at a local high school. I am aiming to either become a Sociology teacher or work with youth offenders in the future.



## Q&A with Amy Ryan

**Name:** Amy Ryan  
(Class of 2017)

**What high school did you attend?**

Northgate High School

**Why did you choose Northgate Sixth Form?**

Northgate Sixth Form was an obvious choice for me; it's well respected and offered the subjects I wanted.

**What are your memories of the course?**

I found the course very interactive. It was a subject I looked forward to on my timetable. I had fantastic teachers who I must thank for making me want to pursue Sociology further.

**Where did you study Sociology at university?**

I studied Sociology at the University of Leicester. I graduated in July 2020 and obtained a First Class Honours degree. A Level Sociology gave me a huge foundation of knowledge and a head start at university.

**What are you doing now?**

My current role is a Skills and Employment Policy Advisor at Suffolk County Council. I supply research and data to provide insight to the current and future skills needs of Suffolk's economy.

In both of my interviews, I referred to the knowledge, skills, and behaviours which I had gained from studying Sociology.



## Q&A with Kirby King

**Name:** Kirby King (Class of 2013)

**What high school did you attend?**

East Bergholt High School

**Why did you choose Northgate Sixth Form?**

I chose Northgate as I liked the range of subjects offered, the size of the sixth form and the excellent reputation that it held.

**What are your memories of the course?**

Sociology was my favourite subject at Sixth Form and I always looked forward to the classes. The teachers made it a fun environment and genuinely cared that we did well.

**Where did you study Sociology at university?**

I studied Sociology at the University of Essex and my A Level was very helpful in my degree. It gave

me a good background to the subject and allowed me to feel confident in my knowledge.

I still referred back to my A Level notes to help frame my university assignments!

**What are you doing now?**

I work as a statistician at the Ministry of Justice, leading a Data Linking Team. I was offered a graduate role on the Civil Service Fast Stream on the statistical stream. I was on the graduate scheme for 2 years working in a range of statistical roles before gaining a position in the Ministry of Justice as the Head of Data Linking.

I truly believe that if I had not studied Sociology at Northgate, I would not be in this career I love now.



## Q&A with Evie Warne

**Name:** Evie Warne

(Class of 2013)

**What high school did you attend?**

Kesgrave High School

**Why did you choose Northgate Sixth Form?**

I chose Northgate for the range of courses offered, its good reputation and also the positive experience I had on the Induction Day.

**What are your memories of the course?**

I enjoyed studying the different theories of Sociology (i.e. Marxism, Functionalism and Feminism) and particularly liked the topics on *Childhood and Education*. Whilst at Northgate, we also had the opportunity to visit BBC Television Centre in London.

**Where did you study Sociology at university?**

I studied Sociology at the University of Chester. A Level Sociology gave me a good grounding for my study at university.

**What are you doing now?**

I now work as a Senior Executive Assistant within a firm of Naval Architects and Offshore Engineers. I get to liaise with various people, including lawyers and insurance brokers.

In my interview, I referred to knowledge and skills I gained from studying Sociology.



# Ex-Northgate Sociology Students

## Q&A with Sophie Dennis-Horne

**Name:** Sophie Dennis-Horne

(Class of 2019)

**What high school did you attend?**

Northgate High School

**Why did you study Sociology?**

I decided to study Sociology as it covered lots of different aspects of social life that interested me.

I found the course appealing due to how the lessons and course are structured through the use of booklets, activities and games.

**Where did you study Sociology at university?**

I study BA Sociology at the University of Essex. I have found the A level very useful, especially during my first year, although key theories are used throughout the course. The A Level topic booklets are very helpful to look back on too.

**What are your plans after university?**

I have applied for teacher training. Sociology has helped by giving me a broad overview of society and what it has to offer in terms of careers.

