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 postqualification 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**

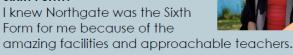
Q&A with Joanna Hopes

Name: Joanna Hopes (Class of 2017)

What high school did you attend? Kesarave High School

Why did you choose Northgate Sixth Form?

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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.

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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.