

# adult success stories



## Jonathan Atkinson

Jonathan has just graduated with first class honours and is beginning a Secondary teaching PGCE course. Access gave him the focus to find a career path



At 16 I wanted to be a Primary School teacher, at 18 I wanted to be a supermarket manager, at 21 I wanted to be a bookmaker and at 22 I finally enrolled on an Access course at QE Sixth Form College in Darlington with the intention of pursuing Primary School teaching.

One year later I began studying a Sociology degree at Teesside University and have just graduated with first class honours. In September I begin a PGCE in Social Sciences and Citizenship course at Manchester Met University and am finding myself revisiting many of the feelings I had in September 2008 before starting at Teesside University: I am not going to know anyone, I am not going to like anyone, I am out of my depth and I have made a huge mistake

However the likelihood is that (as with Teesside, where incidentally I met my now wife) I will make friends and I am confident that I would not have been accepted if I was in over my head

