

Next Steps Careers at Oakgrove 2021 2022



All students in Year 12 took part in a trip to the “**What Career? What Uni?**” event at Birmingham NEC on Friday 4th March. This was a valuable opportunity for students to meet universities and employers all under one roof. Students were also able to attend workshops whilst there to gain information and guidance about particular career areas. It was a busy event but one that students found very useful in starting them thinking about their Post 18 options.

We took students from Year 11 to the **National Apprenticeship show** at MK Arena on 16th March. As always it was a very informative event that allowed students to appreciate the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities available with both local (Niftylift, FCO services, Jardine Motor Group to name a few) and national employers (IBM, DHL, Lloyds Banking Group, KPMG and many more). Students were able to attend short seminars hosted by employers such as The Army as well as speak to employers about their apprenticeship schemes.

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What?

Year 11 and 12 guidance interviews

Since the start of the academic year all students in Year 11 & 12 have had the opportunity to attend a 1 hour individual careers guidance interview with Mrs Sheard our Careers adviser. Nearly 100% of students have now attended their meeting and have received a personal action plan based on the discussions that took place. The focus was on next steps after Year 11 or Sixth form and students gained an understanding of the different pathways they can choose as well as personalised advice relating to their individual circumstances and career goals.

Each student has been set some written action points to follow up on after the meeting ranging from careers research to attending open events at universities and organising work experience. This information has been shared with Parents/carers Mrs Sheard is able to give further advice to students and their parents/carers by Email
Please contact careers@oakgrove.school .

Springboard Future chef Competition 2021/2022.

“More than ever we need to keep culinary careers at the forefront of the students’ career options, ensuring that we have enthusiastic and talented young chefs entering the industry, equipping them with the basic skills and knowledge that they need” (from the Springboard Future Chef website).

So many congratulations to all the Year 10 & 11 food preparation and nutrition students who entered the Springboard Future chef Competition and were rewarded as follows. On Wednesday 17 November 2021 Vaughan and Verity won a very competitive and highly skilled Oakgrove school heat, Vaughan making a tasty wild mushroom risotto and Verity a delicious pumpkin gnocchi, chorizo and roasted vine tomato dish.

Verity won through the local final and was invited to compete in the South East and London regional final, held at Crawley Food and Technical College on Wednesday 9th February. Verity then took part in the Regional Final, She had to develop, plan and cost her two-course meal for two people (with a budget of up to £10) considering the key judging criteria of 1) Practical skills, 2) Balance of taste and textures and finally 3) Presentation.

Her beautifully cooked and presented meal was Pan seared fresh Sea-Bass on a bed of citrus couscous with ratatouille (a Classic French stew packed with fresh vegetables, tomatoes and herbs) followed by a Crème Brulee Brownie pot served with own grown edible pansies.

Verity, just pipped at the post in a very strong and hard-fought competition, received some truly amazing feedback for her dish ideas, preparation and cooking skills.

Well done Verity! Good luck to all the Year 11 GCSE students with their forthcoming Exams and continue to cook!



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Women in Engineering Event

NiftyLift invited some of our Year 10 students to participate in their Women in Engineering event. Students had the opportunity to have a look around the fascinating space, and see the production lines and other departments in the workspace. Students got involved in various activities throughout the day including working on circuit boards, computer programming and were even given a special demonstration on how cherry pickers work and how they are controlled.

Nifty lift is a local company based in West Milton Keynes who offer a range of apprenticeships in Engineering Training Programmes which all include a College-based Apprenticeship & an In-House Training. These are open to young people over the age of 16.

To find out more please visit

<https://www.niftylift.com/uk/careers/apprenticeships>

What do we offer at Oakgrove School?

1 A stable careers programme	2 Learning from Labour Market Information	3 Addressing the needs of each pupil	4 Linking curriculum learning to careers
5 Encounters with employers and employees	6 Experiences of workplaces	7 Encounters with further and higher education	8 Personal guidance

Understanding Gatsby

<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance>

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

Students in Year 9 & 10 have also had the opportunity to request career support via the career action plans they recently completed. Students requesting Email advice have already been contacted by Mrs Sheard. Year 9 students requesting a careers meeting are being seen in small groups during May, June & July. Year 10 students requesting a careers meeting will have a 1:1 guidance meeting with Mrs Sheard during May, June & July. Students in Year 7 & 8 will complete career action plans later this term and can request Email advice from the careers team.



The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

The **Quality in Careers Standard** is the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in secondary schools, colleges and work-based learning.

We are pleased to say that Oakgrove have achieved the Quality in Careers Award through Shaw Trust. The final assessment took place on Friday 26th March which was an intense day!

We are the first school in Milton Keynes to complete this award and it is down to the hard work of all the staff, students and stakeholders.

We would like to thank you for your support with Careers at Oakgrove and if you would like to volunteer or work with us on any future projects please do not hesitate to email your contact details.

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Apprenticeship application workshop for students in Year 11 and 13

On 26th November some students from Year 11 and 13 gave up their INSET day and came into school to take part in an Apprenticeship application workshop with Miss Limburg, the school's careers assistant, and a representative from Amazing Apprenticeships. Students were shown how to search for vacancies on the Government's Find an Apprenticeship website and then using the advice and guidance given during the workshop created their own CV. Amazing Apprenticeships are an organisation that helps to support young people looking for apprenticeship opportunities. Mrs Sheard, the school's careers adviser, regularly Emails students in these year groups with apprenticeship vacancies and between May and July a weekly list of local vacancies will be Emailed to both students and their Parents/carers. A monthly Parents/Carers newsletter from Amazing Apprenticeships is also sent home to Parents/Carers of students in Year 10-13.



All of the students in Sixth form, Year 11, 10 and 9 have attended a Virtual Workout 50 session this year and years 7 and 8 will complete this before the end of the academic year. As a school, we are required by the UK government's [Careers Strategy](#) to create opportunities for our pupils to have meaningful employer and employee encounters. Virtual WorkOut introduces students to work guests from a range of work backgrounds in a series of brief encounters. The aim is to develop student's career awareness, aspirations and speaking and listening skills. Students will attend a Workout session once every year they are at Oakgrove.



National
Careers
Service

IMPARTIAL CAREERS ADVICE

Want to speak to someone from outside of school?

Call: 0800 100 900 Text: 07766413219

Or go to their website for a webchat

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/contact-us/home>

Unifrog Careers Platform

The complete destinations platform



Helps students compare every opportunity (education and employment) then apply successfully. All Oakgrove students have a login and can access the resources both in and out of school www.unifrog.org.

A guest login can be requested by parents/carers Email careers@oakgrove.school