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OAKGROVE INTEGRATED COLLEGE CEIAG REPORT 2025-2026

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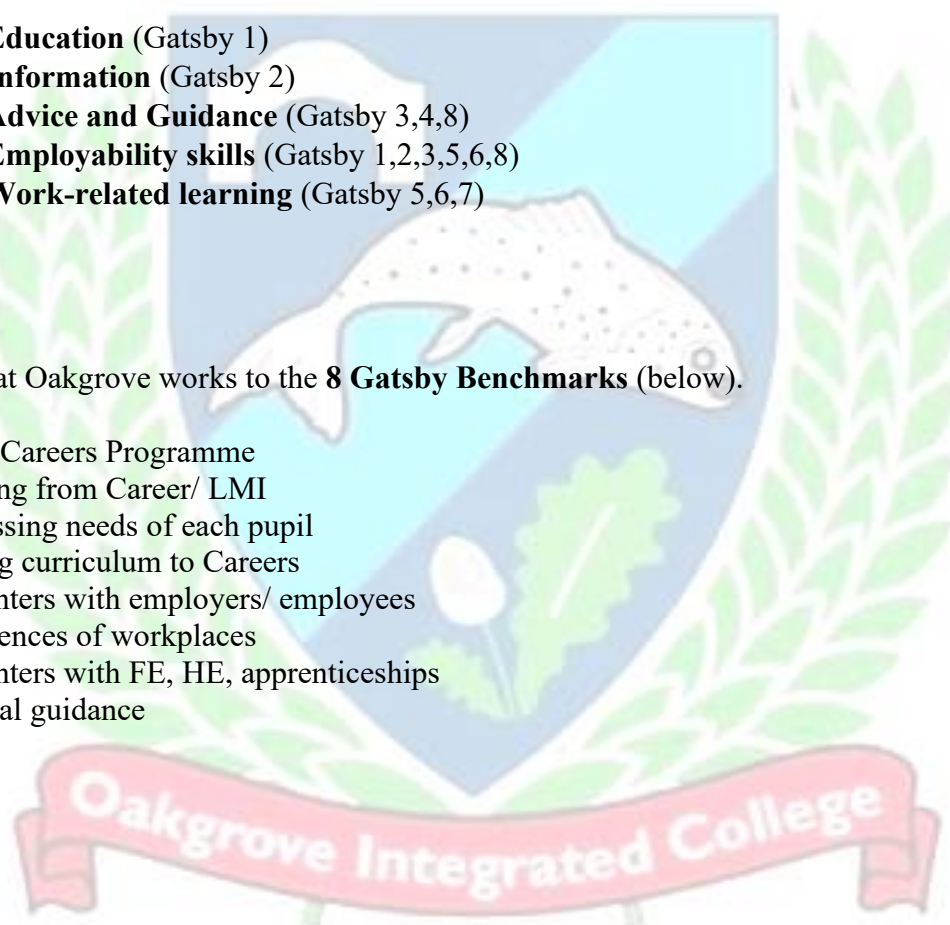
- Self-awareness
- Career exploration
- Career management

These are covered in the following strands

- **Education** (Gatsby 1)
- **Information** (Gatsby 2)
- **Advice and Guidance** (Gatsby 3,4,8)
- **Employability skills** (Gatsby 1,2,3,5,6,8)
- **Work-related learning** (Gatsby 5,6,7)

CEIAG at Oakgrove works to the **8 Gatsby Benchmarks** (below).

- 1 Stable Careers Programme
- 2 Learning from Career/ LMI
- 3 Addressing needs of each pupil
- 4 Linking curriculum to Careers
- 5 Encounters with employers/ employees
- 6 Experiences of workplaces
- 7 Encounters with FE, HE, apprenticeships
- 8 Personal guidance



CEIAG 2025- 2026 Activities

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August/ September

Seagate Work Experience Opportunity



The new academic term started with a busy schedule. Before everyone had even finished the summer holidays one of our sixth form pupils took advantage of a work experience opportunity with Seagate- spending three days with this global company.



Next up was the North West Business Awards, where our partner Fujitsu was nominated in the category of **Educational Collaborator Of The Year** award. And we won! Congratulations to the amazing team at Fujitsu 🏆 It was a delight for Oakgrove to be there to support Liz and the team. The brilliant learning experiences Fujitsu offer our pupils, providing them with opportunities beyond the classroom, make the team truly deserving of this recognition. Thank you for the invitation and for your incredible support!



Kicking off sixth form preparations for life after Oakgrove we had the first of our guest presenters in. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Liz from Discover CAFRE for her excellent and engaging presentation to our Sixth Form pupils. They were introduced to the diverse range of courses on offer and gained valuable information to help them with their future decisions.

Also, huge thanks to our Y14 pupil Luke who took the time to present to the Y13 pupils about the Queen's University Pathway Programme. Luke took part in the Pathway Programme last year. The Pathway Opportunity Programme has been supporting students since it began in 2017. Since then, it has seen over 1750 students pass through its Pathways, receiving support in study and academic skills, university applications and confidence building activities. The Pathway Opportunity Programme gives students the chance to study a little of their chosen subject on campus at Queen's University Belfast in order to prepare for the transition to university life.



Careers Service NI

The careers advisor from **Careers Service NI** started the weekly interviews with our Year 12 pupils in order to give advice and support about the next stage of their journey.



Young Enterprise



Thanks to Mr Middleton, our Head of Year 8, our Y8 pupils got their first taste of a CEIAG related event with the Young Enterprise Step-Up programme. Students had the opportunity to develop skills and positive attitudes as they make the leap from primary to post-primary school. The programme encouraged students to meet and work with others in their year group and find out about their school and their responsibilities within it. Students then used everything that they learned to complete a fun Business Challenge.



Ulster University



What a day! While the Y8 pupils were getting their first CEIAG experience thanks to Mr Middleton and Young Enterprise, at the other end of the school, thanks to Mrs Pollington our Year 13 IT students got a sneak peek into the future of healthcare at Ulster University Magee Campus. They explored the fascinating world of Personalised Medicine, seeing firsthand how IT, data science, and diagnostics all come together. Big thanks to Ulster University for an awesome and insightful day!



University Roadshow

As part of our sixth form's ongoing preparations and planning for life after school we welcomed the University Roadshow to Oakgrove. Thank you to the speaker and the visiting universities for all of the helpful and useful information which will allow our pupils to make an informed decision about what next.



Oakgrove Integrated College

October

October was a busy month. Alongside our usual CEIAG activities we had a survey inspection for Careers from ETI. The feedback we received for our CEIAG provision was very positive. Below is a summary of the areas highlighted in the feedback.

ETI Feedback

- **Strength of Careers Co-Ordinator / HOY sixth form**
- **Resources**
- **Communication - Reports to BoG/ Planning meetings with VP/ Principal**
- **Strong exposure to pupil opportunities**
- **GC working well**
- **Careers provision integrated into pastoral approach**
- **MU Foundation**
- **Entrepreneurial opportunities**
- **Mapped out engagement with outside opportunities**
- **Parents identified career directive from early in school**
- **Y10 careers fair**
- **Teachers well supported**
- **Feedback from pupils happy**
- **Senior pupils identified career progression through school**
- **Shadow roles**
- **Intro of W Exp**
- **School link with careers service**
- **Notice boards**
- **Review My Learning**

At the end of the visit, the visiting Inspector asked could she take some of our materials away with her to use as examples of good practice within the area of CEIAG.



North West Regional College

As part of their ongoing preparations for life after Sixth Form, our Y13 & 14 pupils attended a presentation from the North West Regional College to get an idea of the range and breadth of courses and pathways open to them after Key Stage 5.



Some of our sixth form pupils took advantage of the chance to go out on work experience with Western Health and Social Care Trust at Altnagelvin Area Hospital. Pupils did work experience in a variety of areas such as Nursing & Midwifery and Medical and Dental, with more planned later in the term.

November

Manchester United Foundation/ Ulster University- Next Move Careers Event

36 pupils from Year 13 had took part in this event at the Guildhall, organised by our partners Manchester United Foundation and Ulster University. Our pupils had the chance to hear from professionals from a range of fields and the courses on offer at Ulster University. Areas included social work, artificial intelligence, healthcare science, cinematic arts, personalised medicine, physiotherapy, podiatry, sport and exercise.



January



Our Year 14 pupils and some of our Year 13 pupils attended a presentation from Atlantic Technological University in order to hear about options for Third Level which are an alternative to UCAS.



Our Year 10 pupils and their parents attended our Year 10 Careers Fair, where they got to speak to teachers about GCSE subjects. We also had some of our partners from industry and from the community present as well as past pupils to give some additional advice and provide insight. Thank you to Careers Service NI, Waterside Credit Union, Fujitsu, Ulster University, Nerve Centre and to the past pupils for your time and support.



February

Our Year 12 pupils and their parents attended our Year 12 Careers Information session. It started with an informative presentation from UU and then parents and pupils had the opportunity to speak to teachers about Post 16 options. We had some of our partners present to discuss pathways and provide their own insights.



Ulster University Insight Workshop



A number of our Y13 pupils who study STEM subjects had the chance to visit Ulster University Magee campus to take part in an insight session- ***Digital Discovery Day: Empowering Young Minds with Blockchain Technology.***

The aim of this was to raise awareness of the transformative potential of blockchain technologies in both finance and personalised medicine.



March/ April



Our Year 12 pupils followed up February's career information session with a chance to hear about other options and opportunities for FE. Rutledge came in and presented to some Year 12 pupils about their programmes- **"Skills For Life and Work"** and **"Apprenticeship NI"** scheme.



Our Y10 girls attended a workshop delivered by Fujitsu to celebrate International Women's Day. Some of our Y12 Entrepreneur team from the Glaze Away project also attended and spoke at the event.



Some of our Y13 pupils were successful in their applications to take part in the Queen's University Pathway Opportunity Programme. This flagship QUB outreach programme is designed for Year 13 to Year 14 students from Northern Ireland who face additional educational or financial barriers and involves our pupils spending time at the University.



Manchester United Foundation Next Move Careers Event

As a follow up to the November event, which focused on university courses this one was with local employers who came to showcase what they do and provide insights in terms of roles available and what they look for in potential employees. Our Y13 had a fun and educational morning speaking to employers and learning about their area of work.



May/ June

After the summer exam season in May, June was a big month. Year 11 pupils went out on work shadowing placements with local employers in a variety of sectors. We also had some Y13 pupils take part in work experience with PSNI and finally we had some of our Y10 boys take part in a 2 day “*Discover Health Sciences*” insight programme with Ulster University. Thank you to the employers and organizations who worked with us to provide such fantastic opportunities to our pupils!

