



AN ALTERNATIVE PROVISION  
A CLEAR PROGRESSION



## WHO WE ARE

- DART was founded in 1999 to meet a growing demand for work-based training and development. Since then, we have expanded geographically and offer Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Study Programmes and Schools programmes in addition to NPTC and short courses with opportunities in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, South Yorkshire and parts of the West Midlands. We have continued to provide high quality training within Agriculture, Animal Care, Horticulture, Trees and Timber, Veterinary Nursing and Street Scene.
- DART is a wholly owned subsidiary of Reaseheath College.
- **DART's Mission:** Industry Focused, Career Ready.
- Ofsted rated good - January 2020.

# WHO WE ARE

## DART Pride Values

- **People:** We will work together in a safe and secure environment with a positive approach to our own and others health and wellbeing. We will respect democracy and individual liberty, recognising the valuable contribution each person can make to society.
- **Responsibility:** We will be responsible for our own actions and decisions whilst making a positive contribution to community cohesion and pride. We will demonstrate environmental sustainability through our behaviour.
- **Integrity:** We will demonstrate honesty, integrity and ethical standards in everything we do. We will respect the rule of law and act fairly in the best interests of all.
- **Diversity:** We will actively promote equality; recognise, respect, promote and celebrate diversity and individual difference and strive to create an inclusive environment. We will challenge behaviour or views which discriminate against others.
- **Excellence:** We will challenge ourselves to strive for the highest standards of quality and behaviour by adopting a supportive self-critical approach in our pursuit of excellence. We will always aim to be the best that we can be!

## DART Vision

- To be the leading specialist training provider in Derbyshire and the surrounding counties
- Be the preferred place to learn, work and progress
- Support the growth and prosperity of the specialist land-based industries, technical sectors and rural communities we serve
- Place our students and staff at the heart of everything we do
- An inclusive offer facilitating appropriate progression for everyone
- Deliver an inspirational learning experience and environment supported through our values, our guiding principles and commitments



## WHAT WE DO

- As well as providing KS4 alternative provision, DART offers post 16 foundation programmes, apprenticeships and NPTC and short courses for the Land Based Sector.
- We cover Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, South Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire.
- We work closely with Government funding agencies, City and Guilds and the National Apprenticeship Service to provide a range a high quality courses and qualifications that are valued by both employers and learners for the Post 16 provisions.

# THE DART SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

- Up to level 2 in nationally recognised City and Guilds qualifications
- Work experience
- 1 or 2 academic year programmes available
- Provides individualised learning to students
- Bespoke programmes, tailored to meet needs of learners and schools
- Able to consider provision for any learner\*
- Current courses being undertaken are: Agriculture, Animal Care, Horticulture and Horse Care.





# THE PROGRAMME

- 1:1 Tuition
- On the job training and experience from workplace supervisors
- Fully qualified tutor/assessors with vocational qualifications and industry experience
- Assessors are still in industry, providing up to date skills and knowledge.
- Staff are DBS checked
- Interactive resources
- End of term reports provided to school
- Direct liaison with School and parents

# QUALIFICATIONS ON OFFER

## Vocational

- Entry 2 Skills For Working Life
- Entry 3 Skills For Working Life
  
- Level 1 Work-based Agriculture
- Level 1 Work-based Animal Care
- Level 1 Work-based Horse Care
  
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Agriculture
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Horse Care
  
- Practical Horticulture Skills Level 1
- Land Based Operations Level 1



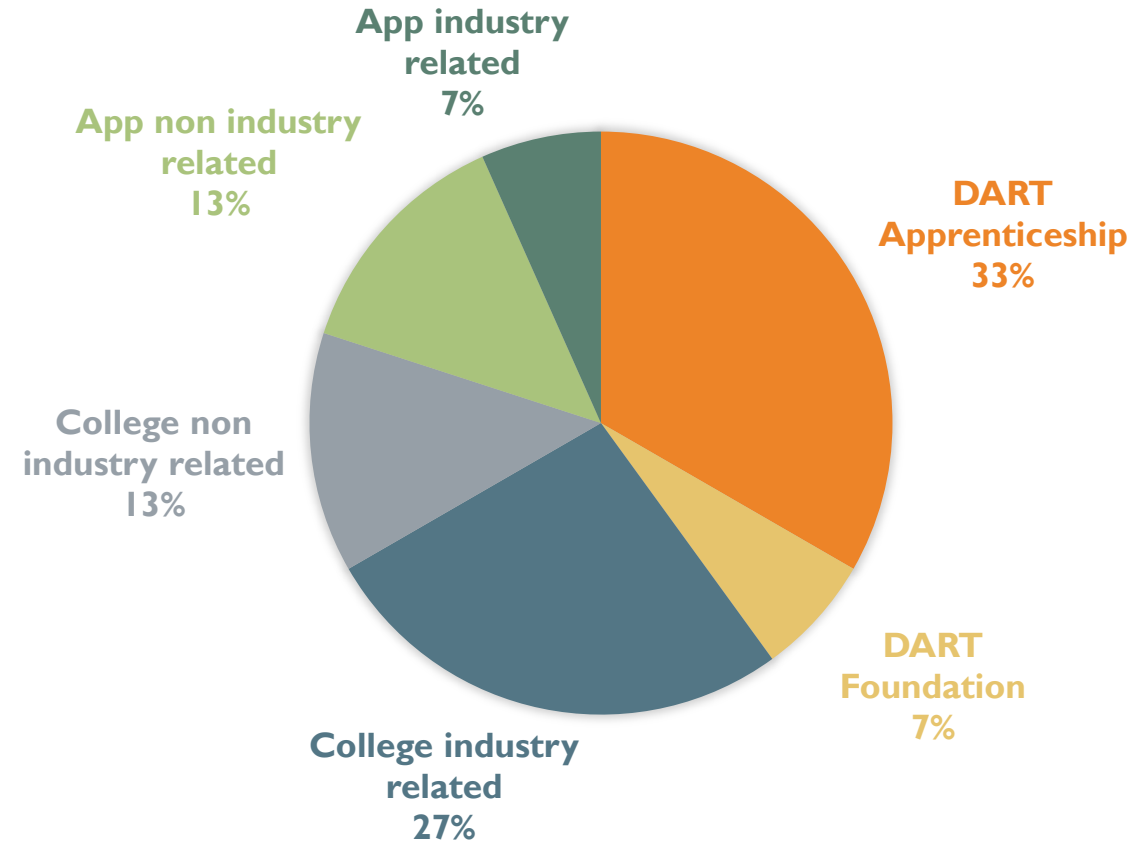
- Functional Skills qualifications in Mathematics and English available upon request
  
- All programmes include: Information, advice and guidance, impartial careers and progression advice, embedded Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Safety, mentoring and pastoral care.

[For additional information, access the DART schools programme leaflet here.](#)

# DATA

- 100% success rate since 2015
- 100% timely success rate
- 100% positive progression destinations

## 2019 SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATIONS







# PROGRESSION

- Multiple Agriculture students progressed through the levels post 16, to complete level 2, 3 and 4 Apprenticeships.
  - These learners have either now completed and achieved or are due to achieve in the next 12-18 Months.
- Large percentage of Agriculture learners stay on with their placement farms to complete apprenticeships
  - (2017-2019, 5 of 9 learners secured apprenticeships at the same farm)
- Animal care and Equine learners progressing to college to level 3 courses
  
- Last year QEGS Learner now secured apprenticeship with JCB farms

# SUCCESS STORIES

## **Lady Manners, Horticulture provision**

DART learners at Lady Manners School are making excellent progress with their Practical Horticulture qualification. They access the provision on the school site using a specially designed greenhouse and trugs provided by Derbyshire County Council. Since starting last September Josh and Chris have created seasonal displays of spring flowering bulbs in the trugs which are now in full display. They have designed and produced winter hanging baskets, Christmas planters and wreaths which have been sold with proceeds used to kit out the greenhouse. They are currently setting vegetables and flowers to eventually have produce for sale. With their assessor's support they have both secured schoolwork experience opportunities within the local Horticultural sector.

Bill Dinley, Josh's uncle said "The course is run in a very friendly atmosphere and has given Josh an opportunity to learn basic gardening skills and develop his interest in horticulture in a creative way whilst helping Josh to improve his social skills through working with others. Course visits to Chatsworth Gardens and a community garden have also given Josh the opportunity to meet and talk to professional gardeners. Josh has been inspired by his instructor along with the people that he has met through these visits. Since starting the course Josh has felt a sense of achievement, he feels that he has contributed to the school's environment with his work in the garden, he will leave a legacy at a school that has been a major part of his life. It is thanks to the DART course that we hope Josh will go on to achieve greater things in horticulture, working in an environment that he loves".

## **Biennial, NSA event, Bakewell Agricultural Centre, January 2019.**

Success for DART School learners!

DART school learners from three schools recently competed in the National Sheep Association Inter-school Shepherding competition at Bakewell Agricultural Centre. Despite the cold the learners showed enthusiasm and interest in the event and had the opportunity to attend various seminars, workshops and exhibitor stands.

There were six teams in total and the results are as follows:  
1st place – Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Year 11 team  
2nd place – Leek High School, Year 10 team  
3rd place – Lady Manners School, Year 11 team

Congratulations to all that took part and special thanks to the Judge – Robert Helliwell, Steward – George Case, DART staff – Ann Litchfield, Tim Clark, Izzy Whieldon and Hannah Taylor.

Also thank you to local companies for their sponsorship and to Mick Burnett for the loan of the sheep.

It was wonderful to see young people with a passion for Agriculture showcase their skills. They demonstrated a mature and professional approach and have promising futures in the industry.

## FEEDBACK: EMPLOYER

"The programme works well because they get training and supervision. It is better than going straight into work and gives them something practical to get their teeth into, compared to completing written work.

Suits better as not getting on at school, learning things they want to and feel are important. Gives them something to look forward to and work towards. Very good."

Agriculture Placement provider, 2019

Dart's programme of bringing young people into a workplace for us, as worked very well as we get to see and work with prospective people to work with. It also lets the young people work towards a career that they choose.

We also have a good relationship with the assessor who attends on a regular basis and we find the whole programme easy to work with.

*J. Gledhill*

Agriculture placement provider,  
2019

"We have been working with DART for a number of years who have provided education and training for a number of school and Post 16 learners. The tutor is helpful and approachable and always works around the busy day. Young people are well supported to achieve and gain experience with a range of animals and the public. The programmes have benefitted the business and helped us to give young people an opportunity"

Animal care placement provider, 2019

## FEEDBACK: LEARNERS

*“You get to learn by seeing and doing which is good for me as I don’t really like classroom work and this is how I learn. Get to know good knowledge on group days and learning about and working with all kinds of livestock. I really enjoy it.”*

**QEGS learner 2018/2020**

*While doing my Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care with DART, I have learnt new things, had new experiences, grown in confidence and had an amazing time working with many different animals. I do a day a week at Matlock Farm Park as a part of my course and I love it! I have worked with everything ranging from chicks, guinea pigs, rabbits, ferrets, skunks to horses, donkeys, cattle, sheep and much more. If you are enthusiastic, passionate and adore animals this course is perfect for you. I have been surrounded by animals my entire life and set on going in to animal care from when I was very young and this course has helped me gain both skill and experience for this type of work. DART has provided me with a very good chance at getting into my selected college which I will hopefully then go on to do a Level 3 Animal Management course at. Eventually I hope to have gained enough skill to go into veterinary nursing or zoo keeping.*

**Lady Manners Learner 2018/2020**

*“This course benefited me a lot because I struggled at school and didn’t cope very well with the classroom but and this course let me go out 1 day a week and learn something proper”*

**QEGS learner 2017/2019**



## FEEDBACK: SCHOOLS

*QEGS - "We have worked with DART since 2013 and the programme is so important to a rural school like ours, our students are catered for in both Agricultural and Equine studies and last year as in previous years our students got outstanding results on the level 2. They received a lot of support from their tutors about their post 16 pathways and the majority have gone onto apprenticeships and further study with DART. I also find the tutors to be flexible, supportive and a wealth of knowledge which makes my job a great deal easier".*

**Mrs S Howson**

*Vocational Leader (14-19) Student Support Officer KS4 - Travel & Tourism*

*"Blend have received excellent support from Hannah, who has been very flexible and has worked hard to accommodate our often challenging learners. The learners have been able to achieve a recognised qualification that acknowledges practical and academic efforts"*

**Mrs Georgie Draper**

**Alternative Education & Post-16 Manager**

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ANY QUESTIONS?



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