

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **DART – Land-based Courses**

We have been advised that DART will be ceasing schools' provision at the end of this academic year. We appreciate that this news will be disappointing to you and your son/daughter, but the DART board have, after consultation, made their decision due to it no longer being financially viable to offer the service to schools.

Here at QEGS we know the importance of our Land-based courses and have made the decision to bring the provision in house and are currently working with City and Guilds the qualification provider to ensure that our current Year 10's will be able to carry on and receive their qualification. In addition, our Year 9's who have chosen their options will study the course as planned. We are currently in the process of recruiting for a specialist assessor to deliver the qualification.

The course will continue to follow the same path as the DART provision with a full day at placement along with two hours of teaching per fortnight.

We know this may be unsettling news for you and your child, but we are excited to be able to offer such an important qualification for our community.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact DART on 01332 216640 or email [enquiries@dartraining.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dartraining.co.uk) alternatively you can speak to Mrs Howson our Vocational Leader on ext. 11746, email [howson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:howson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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