

Pottery – All levels

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Monday 10.00am-1.00pm & 1.30pm-4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm.

INTRODUCTION

This course teaches all the basic skills of pottery in order to prepare you for and give you the confidence to create your own ideas at a more advanced level.

It's suitable for all students but a little knowledge is always a help and also for the more experienced students to broaden and develop projects.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

All beginners will be taken through no less than 6 basic projects with each teaching a different skill, i.e. using soft slabs, press moulds, hump moulds, using hard slabs, coiling and throwing on the wheel. Health and Safety will also be discussed. Each project leads to other aspects of learning about pottery in the way it is decorated, glazed and its use.

Students starting at different levels will be encouraged to take part in these various projects in order for them to fill in the gaps of previous learning.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Pottery is very much a practical subject. You will learn through making projects with the aid of tutor demonstrations and individual guidance. We work with a range of clays to demonstrate the different functions of each clay and resources as in books with students being encouraged to visit galleries and exhibitions. All students are advised to keep a notebook for reference.

WHAT MATERIALS WILL I NEED?

The college provides all materials but students pay for pots by weight on completion. This helps towards the cost of the materials and firings.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER COMPLETING THE CLASS?

After completing all the 6 or so projects students can then find a level at which they feel comfortable or a principle that they would like to develop. As for throwing, this is a skill that requires a lot of practice so if this is what a student wants to do then it is a good idea to sign up for another term. We do have a variety of specialist tutors that are more comfortable in a particular principle where a student may like to follow with that tutor.

Notes:

There are two sessions a day and students can enrol for the whole day if they wish to have a good long day where consistency of practicing a skill can have really good benefits