

Pottery: Wednesday Evening 1 RICA

Pottery 1 Rochester Institute of Creative Arts (RICA)

RICA is the name of the new creative offer from Medway Adult Education. This taught pottery course is designed for learners who have completed a Level 2C course in the pottery and wish to further develop their skills, confidence, and personal style whilst still learning within a structured art environment. While it builds on prior Level 2C study, new learners are welcome to join at their own discretion.

This pottery course is taught by a professional tutor; the course provides tuition and guidance alongside opportunities for creative exploration and project-based learning in a supportive environment. Your tutor will discuss personal goals and project ideas with you in your first session.

Please note that this is not a drop-in course or an informal club; regular attendance and commitment to the course are expected to support progression. Please do not buy any resources until you know your course will run.

Start Date:	16 September 2026
Start Time:	18:15
Lessons:	11
Weeks:	11
Hours:	27.50

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
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WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

By the end of the course, learners will:

1. Follow safe and collaborative H&S studio practice - Learners will demonstrate awareness of ground rules and health and safety requirements by working responsibly in the creative environment and supporting a respectful, inclusive learning space.
2. Engage in feedback and collaborative learning - Learners will participate in group discussions and peer feedback, responding constructively to others' work and using feedback to improve their own creative outcomes.
3. Develop and apply subject specific skills - Learners will actively engage with tutor demonstrations and formative feedback to develop and apply pottery productions skills in at least two areas (wedging, shaping, throwing, glazing etc.) showing progression in their creative practice.

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

While it builds on prior Level 2C study, new learners who feel ready to work at this level are welcome to join at their own discretion.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

You will need to prepare the following tools and equipment before the start of the course. Please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

- An apron/protective clothing
- Sturdy footwear (no open toed shoes in the pottery)
- It is recommended that you do not wear anything you value highly. You may wish to bring household gloves to use when glazing.
- A pen / pencil - a sketchbook will be provided.

Learners with previous experience should bring in an example of their own work / or photo of work to help in the initial assessment process.

- A basic pottery tool kit (can be purchased online fairly cheaply)
- A steel kidney scraper (an old store card cut to shape can make an effective kidney scraper)
- A small sponge

Tools and equipment cannot be left in the classroom, please take all personal items home.

The nearest supplier for specialist tools is The Clay Cellar at Brenchley,

<https://www.claycellar.co.uk/tools>

(Please check website for opening times and delivery details.)

An amount of clay is included within the course fees. Learners will weigh and record weight / price with the aid of the tutor before firing. Once the set amount has been reached, learners will need to weigh, record, pay and show proof of payment before items are fired.

The cost of clay includes:

Clay ordering, processing, and delivery.

Cost of glazes and finishing materials.

Cost of firing (electricity and upkeep of kilns)

Technician costs

As such, the cost per Kg. is greater than sold at wholesale price.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Multiple sessions-

To get the most out of the course:

- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that pottery involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Pottery activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area (no open toed shoes in the pottery, hair must be tied back when using the wheels)
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor
- Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
- By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.