

## **Potter's Wheel -Throwing for Beginners- Specialist Course**

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### **About the course**

This course is a part of our Pottery Specialist Programmes aimed at those who would like to learn pottery skills and techniques to pursue a career in Pottery and Ceramics or other related sectors within Creative Industries. Our Pottery Specialist Programmes offer both accredited (qualification) and not-accredited (non-qualification) courses up to L2 (GCSE equivalent).

This course is for complete beginners and there are no specific entry requirements although some experience of using clay would be an advantage.

### **What will I learn?**

#### **After this course you will be able to:**

- Demonstrate awareness of health and safety issues in ceramics through safe studio practice, with consideration towards others
- Practice preparing clay, wedging, recycling etc
- Gain skills in the fundamental throwing techniques eg. centring, opening out and pulling up
- Explore throwing a range of shapes but focusing mostly on cylinders
- Practice turning to complete the bases of work
- Glaze tests will be made, introduction to glazing will be taught and a chance to glaze your wheel thrown pieces will be given

***\*If you are unemployed, looking for work, and are in receipt of a means tested benefit, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to sign a self-declaration form stating that you are looking for a job and provide supporting evidence.***

***\*If you are in low paid employment and you earn less than £10.85p/h or £21,157.59 annual gross salary, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to provide proof of income, for example, this could be a wage slip within 3 months of the course start date, or a current employment contract, which states gross monthly/annual wages.***

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### What are the entry requirements?

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### What do I need to bring with me?

- All materials are included in the course fees
- Please wear closed toe shoes
- Apron
- You may wish to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes
- You may wish to bring in a protective glaze mask (level3/V3) do not worry about this for your first lesson

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### How will my learning be assessed?

You will build your own digital portfolio of work.

Your tutor will give you regular verbal and written feedback to support your progression. You will submit your course work and track your learning in Google Classroom. You will participate in group discussions and receive guidance.

To successfully complete the course your attendance should be a minimum of 85% and course work should be completed by the end of the course. **Please note that the first session is an induction to the course and the centre, so it is therefore essential that you attend.** If you for any reason are unable to attend, please let us

know and ensure that you read through the induction slides located in your Google Classroom and complete any related tasks.

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### **What can I do after completing this course?**

The most obvious progression pathway after this is **Ceramics Throwing-Intermediate- Specialist Course**. However, your tutor will give you a more specific advice on what you could do next at the end of the course based on your personal circumstances.

- You can call us to find out about upcoming courses on 020 8583 6000
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### **Information, advice and guidance for employment**

- Call 020 8583 6174 to speak to an advisor
  - Email [work@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:work@hounslow.gov.uk)
  - Visit <http://www.hace.ac.uk/employment-support>
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