

Calligraphy - beginners and progression

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to look into the possibility of a new craft-based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress.

The course will incorporate the use of double pencils, flat brush, Automatic pens, and Round Hand nibs, looking at and developing the Round Hand and Cursive scripts, working with colour, simple layouts and design. Those who have done some calligraphy can pick up on areas in which they feel less confident.

Start Date: 30 January 2025
Start Time: 10:00
Lessons: 17
Weeks: 17
Hours: 34.00

All work contributes to a portfolio of ideas and letter practice, developing a good hand.

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

You will be introduced to or further develop your Round Hand, Cursive scripts in relation to the application of colour, design and presentation.

Learners will:

1. Write using double pencils and a flat brush
2. Write using Automatic and Round Hand pens
3. Produce a layout and a finished piece of calligraphy developing a particular script.

Is there anything else I need to know about the course?

Calligraphy is a very precise and beautiful art form, therefore maintaining a sketchbook, notes and a portfolio of work is extremely important to help you to keep a record of your development. Those who have already done some calligraphy please do bring examples of your work.

What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring:

- three HB pencils
- masking tape
- A3 pad of cartridge paper or individual sheets (The Works in Chatham have an inexpensive range of paper sketch books)
- 12in ruler (or longer)
- Winsor & Newton or Daler Rowney putty rubber
- a craft knife or a scalpel with 10A blade
- a 'T' and 'Set' Square.

All these materials can be bought at Hobby Craft, Online at Seawhite, The Range or any other good art shop.

Those who already have done some calligraphy, please bring your work box.

As the course progresses you will be advised on what to buy at the appropriate stages.

What could I go on to do after this course?

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as Mid Kent Medway School of Art and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions, and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through with your individual progression options.

Your tutor will be happy to advise you about progression courses, including those offered by other providers. If you wish to explore your learning, work, or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 85%.

If you do have a holiday booked during term time, please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes.

If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed.

How are digital skills used and enhanced on this course

Information technology may be used to introduce skills, techniques, and the work of other artists along with safe internet usage. Whilst you do not need any IT skills to enrol on this course, please do speak to the tutor if this is an area you would like to explore.

Health and Safety

Learners will be given health and safety direction during the course.

Health and Safety Disclaimer:

By participating in the class you accept that you understand that art involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability.

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities.

You understand that this is an art activity and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need to protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working. MAE is not responsible for damage to your items or person.

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