

COURSE DETAILS – 1 DAY TD 32

COURSE TITLE: BLACKSMITHING – A TASTER DAY

NAME OF TUTOR: DAVID TUCKER

LEVEL OF ABILITY: A/B

GENERAL CONTENT OF COURSE:

This short course offers the student a hands-on opportunity to experience the excitement and traditions of forging hot metal in a contemporary context. Students learn the basics of shaping, twisting, punching, hot cutting, drawing down and upsetting iron, using hammer, anvil and a variety of fundamental hand tools.

The intention is to introduce basic blacksmithing methods and to encourage individual experiment, leading to an appreciation of the enormous creative potential of the medium and to suggest directions for future personal studies.

You take home the knowledge and practical skills to encourage personal development within the world of contemporary ironwork.

Course Timetable

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| 9.45 am | <i>Registration and coffee on arrival</i> | | |
| 10.00am–12.30 | Morning session | 3.30–4 pm | Tea |
| 12.30–1.30 | Lunch | 4 pm–5 pm | Afternoon session 2 |
| 1.30–3.30 | Afternoon session 1 | 5 pm | Course ends. |

Health and Safety:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Please note that tutor supervision is required at all times when students work in this workshop. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College. For your safety it is mandatory to wear steel toe capped safety boots when undertaking a course in the forge. Students must provide their own footwear and bring them with them to wear on the course. If you fail to bring suitable footwear, you will not be able to take part in the course.

Safety boots can be purchased from most tool hire shops and builders merchants as well as online.

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MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT (the cost of which is included in the non-residential course fee) **WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE COURSE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:** fuel, mild steel, blacksmithing tools.

PLEASE BRING:

Items of drawing equipment if you wish

You will need clothing suitable for workshop use -Please note that cotton or wool clothing is preferable to nylon or other synthetics. A pair of cotton jeans is far more protective than a pair of nylon trousers.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING SUPPLIED:

Leather aprons, work gloves, safety spectacles and ear defenders are provided in the Forge, and suitable protective clothing **must** be worn.

You may wish to bring any of the above, if you have them. If for example you have particularly large or small hands, your own work gloves are likely to be a better fit.