



# BEDFORD HOUSE

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## Pottery

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**Beginners** will start by learning the basic techniques of coiling and pinching, slab work, modelling and carving, and throwing on the wheel. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. You will discover some of the countless decorating techniques using slips (coloured liquid clays), glazes and oxides (stains). Once experienced, the sensual and expressive nature of clay is hard to forget, or to give up!

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**Experienced Students** I will encourage you with ideas and directions, and help you develop more advanced techniques and skills to pursue these aims.

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It is a feature of the Centre's Pottery to fire work quickly to maintain the continuity and excitement of the making for you. The pottery is well maintained and equipped with materials, wheels and a spray booth. You will however, need to bring:

- Overall, apron or old shirt
  - Old towel
  - Notebook and pencil
  - Thin bladed knife. A ground-down butter knife is perfect.
  - Wooden tools for modelling. These can often be made from scrap found in the kitchen rather than buying from a specialist.
  - Broad and fine paint brushes
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### Material costs

The cost of finished work is calculated by weight to cover the cost of materials involved e.g. clay, glaze, firing. Minimum charges (up to 8oz) are 70p/80p/£1 depending upon the type of clay.

**All fired work must be collected and paid for.**