

RSC Forest Row School of Ceramics

DATE: 13th & 14th May 2017

TITLE: Beginners model and mould making for pottery production

TUTOR: David Richardson

LEVEL: Beginners

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is aimed anybody who is interested in using moulds in their work. The course will offer a step by step approach that de-mystifies the material whilst introducing an industry standard result. Students will learn a range of skills from blending and running plaster batts through to making a drop out mould for pressing or slip casting.

The course will demonstrate how to make models from plaster by turning on the wheel, whirler and using hand carving. From here it goes on to making a drop out mould and a two piece mould from which students will be able to make their own slip cast prototypes. It will include a short introduction to slip casting using moulds provided by the tutor (mugs and handles, cups, saucers, eggcups, cruets and plates.)

There will be an introduction to design for ceramic production. Students will prepare drawings to anticipate how a ceramic product will cast, shrink, distort and stand in a kiln during firing. These drawings will be used as the templates for the subsequent models and moulds.

The tutor will give demonstrations throughout the course and individual tutorials to enhance students' skills.

