

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07404 BLACKSMITHING – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: JAMES PRICE

Date: 1 DAY SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is intended to introduce you to the creative possibilities within hot forging. The process of transforming a lifeless everyday material through fire, hammer and hand is a really magical one that gives great scope for beautiful forms and compositions. You will be shown techniques that are the building blocks of the blacksmith's craft, forging, twisting, bending, hot punching etc and it is hoped that through experimenting with these yourself small sample pieces will be produced that allow you to demonstrate some of these new found techniques and processes. James will show you how to make both a decorative fire poker and a forged coat hook. However, should you wish to make something of your own design using these newly learned techniques that's fine too.

As well as being great fun there is an immediacy to hot forging steel that can be hugely satisfying and it is hoped through the day some of the rhythm and magic inherent within forging will be shared.

No previous experience is needed and students are free to make both sculptural work or something with a use.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

James Price is a professional blacksmith and designer, he works primarily to commission combining traditional forge work with a contemporary aesthetic.

James established his own forge in 2001 having originally studied a BA in craft design at Brighton Art College. He studied blacksmithing at Hereford, Brighton University and also under renowned Swiss blacksmith Christoph Friedrich.

James is drawn to clean lines and considered design and is reminded every day of the creative possibilities and magic within forged steel.

TIMETABLE: (This course takes place in the Forge, a short walk from the College. Coffee, lunch and tea are included.)

8.55–9.05am	Registration and coffee at the College
9.15am	Morning classes until 12.30pm
10.30am	Coffee at the Garden Restaurant
12.45pm	Lunch at the College
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea at the Garden Restaurant
5.00pm	Classes finish

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

Materials included in the course fee:

The course fee includes all fuel costs and metal that is stocked by the college.

Provided in the Forge:

Leather aprons, work gloves, safety spectacles, ear defenders, welding helmets and goggles are all provided.

You may wish to bring your own, 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.

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

You will need clothing suitable for workshop use, together with steel toe cap boots. Soft training shoes with synthetic fabric uppers do not offer enough protection. 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. Shorts do not provide necessary protection.

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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