

Who is this course aimed at?

This is a leisure course which is suitable for anyone who is keen to learn the art of beautiful writing.

What will I need?

No formal qualifications required to join.

Programme Aims

This course is designed to help you form beautiful strokes and letter-shapes which make up the calligraphy style known as Simple Bookhand.

What will I do?

In this course you will:

- Week 1
 - Be introduced to calligraphy and its origins.
 - Be introduced to calligraphy nibs and learn to hold the pen correctly.
- Week 2
 - Learn to shape round, horizontal and vertical strokes.
 - Write out the lower-case alphabet.
- Week 3
 - Practice letter-shapes, write words in the lower case.
 - Learn about spacing between letters and words.
- Week 4
 - Learn the upper-case.
 - Write words in the upper-case.
- Week 5
 - Listen to a short discussion on paper, layout and design.
 - Write out a short poem or quote.

How will I be taught?

Group lessons consisting of presentations, projects, individual and group discussions, and assignments. Some 1-2-1 support will also be available.

How will I be assessed?

Ongoing assessment of class progress and homework.

What could I progress on to?

- Other calligraphy styles e.g. Roman Bookhand, Italics, Gothic, Compressed, Uncial.

What equipment should I bring?

A calligraphy pen with a wide nib (2mm at least), a bottle of black ink, an A4 white graph pad (2mm/10mm/20mm square), ruler and pencil.

Will I gain a qualification?

This is a leisure course which is non-accredited.