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COURSE TITLE	Handbuilt Ceramics: Coil Built Vases
COURSE CODE	SC2503C013
TUTOR	Adele Williams
START DATE	07/04/2026
DAY & TIME	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY ; 10:00AM - 4:30PM
LEVEL	ALL LEVELS
LOCATION	BANKSIDE CAMPUS

DAILY BREAKDOWN

Date	Topics/ Skills covered	Model?
7 April 2026	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Intro to the process of making, drying, slip decorating and firing of pottery.</p> <p>The tutor will give practical demonstrations throughout the course, starting today by building a form by pinching and coiling.</p> <p>You will start with a test piece to learn how the clay can stretch, be shaped and refined through the making process.</p> <p>Time to try out these basic steps and practice your skills, as a group looking at different shapes of vases and trying to control the curves in our work.</p> <p>We will have made 2 small test vases by the end of the day.</p>	
8 April 2026	<p>Returning to the vases from yesterday the tutor will demonstrate how to further refine the shape, surface texture and add colour with slips. You will have the morning to trial out these methods on your own small pieces</p> <p>In the afternoon there will be time to sketch out a vase shape for your main project, before beginning the base section.</p>	
9 April 2026	<p>With support from the tutor you will build and refine your main vases, which will be larger than the test pieces, you'll refine your skills through understanding how to control the shape and surface texture of your piece. building a larger vessel to your own design.</p>	
10 April 2026	<p>Today the tutor will expand on how to surface texture and decoration techniques, you can choose to use slips to add colour, carving tools for texture, or to create a soft smooth surface - or a combination of all three!</p>	