

Course Title	Drawing and painting with Carolina Rabei				
Course Description	<p>Whether you're an absolute beginner wanting to learn something new or a seasoned artist looking to refine your technique, this course could be for you.</p> <p>Offering step-by-step instructions in a variety of traditional and contemporary methods, you will explore the fundamentals of drawing. Covering areas such as line, shape, perspective, and shading. We will explore painting techniques using watercolors and other techniques.</p>				
Start Date	23 rd Sep 2025 13 th Jan 2026 21 st April 2026	Day & Time	Tuesday 18:30-20:30	Venue	Cambourne Village College
Tutor Details	<p>Ever since she was very small, Carolina Rabei has loved drawing. She began studying Fine Art professionally at the age of ten, and after earning a BA in Graphic Design in Moldova, she went on to receive a distinction in her MA in Children’s Book Illustration at the prestigious Cambridge School of Art.</p> <p>Carolina now works from her home near Cambridge, where she finds endless inspiration in nature and from her young son. She enjoys working on a diverse range of projects, creating worlds full of warmth and heart.</p>				
No. of wks	10	Terms		3	
Fee	£168	Concessionary Fee		£126	
Course Level:	Mixed ability			x	
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class			None, no previous knowledge is required. This course is suitable for beginners, as well as those who may have some artistic skills already.		
Course aims & objectives					

Through guided projects, live demonstrations, and hands-on practice, students will learn to observe, interpret, and express the world around them with confidence. Topics include still life, portraiture, landscapes, colour theory, composition, and personal expression. You will be encouraged to express your own ideas and enjoy the work of other artists.

Progression – after this course what might you do next?

We hope you will feel inspired to continue creating more artwork following our classes and building your practice and confidence at drawing and painting.

How progress & success will be recorded

We will share our painting at the end of each class and give each other some constructive feedback. Learners will keep a folder of work and take part in group and individual discussions with the tutor to help them reflect on their progress.

Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)

As the course progresses learners will be able to purchase materials for their own individual work, e.g. acrylic paints, chalk pastels, and watercolours. Please see the list below, for an idea of the mixed media materials used within this course. Please note this list is not an expectation of the equipment requirements for the first class.

Materials/equipment required during the course

- A3 paper for drawing/sketching
- A3 paper for painting (watercolour paper 300gsm preferably)
- A sketchbook for ideas/notes
- Sketching pencils (a set with a variety of pencils H, HB, 2B, 4B etc)
- sharpener, a rubber
- coloured pencils
- watercolour paints
- A plastic pallet to mix your colours on
- A jar for water
- Brushes in different sizes (watercolour brushes)
- Apron if you wish.
- A sponge, tissue

Contact for further information

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Enrolment and payment

Enrolments in person, for all our courses, can take place from our office based at Comberton Village College. Please note, the quickest way to enrol onto a class will be to visit our website and follow the online booking links from there. Enquiries can also be made by emailing commed@combertonvc.org or calling our office on 01223 264721.

We are a cashless school. We accept card and cheque payments (made payable to The Cam Academy Trust), from our office based in Comberton Village College. Online enrolments can be paid directly in GBP (Sterling) via a secure server over the internet by debit or credit card. Online enrolment will ask for additional information that will enable us to register you, on your chosen course and allocate your payment accordingly.

Your debit/card details will be encrypted via a payment processing company Stripe, payment information is not held on college servers. If you are paying online for a course, you will also be asked for contact information to be provided. This information will be held by the college, so we are able to contact you if required.

For further information on Stripe and its privacy policy
<https://stripe.com/gb/privacy>

For further information on how we use your data
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-key-stage-4-and-5-and-adult-education>

Secure payment links for courses, can also be sent out via emails or text messages. This process would involve you being notified in advance, of a secure link due to be sent shortly afterwards. If required card payments, in person, can also be taken at the beginning of each term, via a portable payment system.

Refunds

If you choose to withdraw your booking, at least 2 weeks before the start date of a course, a refund will be given, minus a £5 administrative charge. Refunds are only available in the event of course cancellation or early closure from the college.

Classes cancelled by the college due to unforeseen circumstances, will be replaced with an extra class at the end of the course, whenever possible. For comprehensive details, please refer to our fees and refund policy which can be found on our website.

Concessionary Fees

A 25% discount is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP/PIP), evidence must be provided on enrolment. Most of our courses display two fees, the concessionary fee is the lower amount advertised. It is also possible to pay the fees for a course by instalments, please contact us directly for details.

Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2025). We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest level of qualifications or no qualification at all, and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search their website www.cambsals.co.uk for details of all their funded courses.

Safeguarding Statement

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

Calendar (Please check start date of specific courses)

Autumn Term Half term 27th Oct – 31st Oct 2025

Spring Term Half term 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026

Summer Term Half term 25th May – 29th May 2026

