



26th January, 9th February & 23rd March

Fee: £117 (£88 Concession—see below \*)

Materials extra

Each day starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm

Please bring your own packed lunch.

Tea & coffee provided

For all people interested in dressmaking from complete beginners to the more experienced wanting to brush up their skills.

You will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit their garments. As well as this they will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practice their skills. There will be plenty of help with lockstitch sewing machines if required. More advanced learners will be encouraged to make more complicated garments.

### Learning aims

- understand and learn how to fit a garment
- use a lockstitch sewing machine
- appreciate how to use a variety of fabrics
- understand how to use a dressmaking pattern
- learn how to assemble a garment in the correct order
- learn and practice a variety of dressmaking skills eg inserting zips, attaching collars, cuffs, pockets, buttons and button holes, hems etc.

### What you need to bring along to the course

**A4 folder-** to hold all your samples and handouts, very useful as a reference when you start dressmaking at home.

**Fabric-** One metre of fabric to make your samples. Calico, cotton poplin or an old quilt cover would be ideal.

**Pattern for a garment-** If you are a complete beginner choose a **“Very Easy”** pattern from the New Look, McCall’s or Simplicity ranges. I would advise not to buy a “very easy” Vogue as they are not normally that easy.

**Fabric** suitable to make the garment plus thread, zip, elastic buttons etc. If you would like to discuss this before you choose a pattern I will be happy to assist.

### BASIC TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

**Sewing machines-** some are available at the College but feel free to bring your own. However only the most basic sewing machine is required for dressmaking as the stitches you need to use are basic straight stitch and a zigzag for neatening seams.

**Scissors-** Dressmaking scissors with long blades are ideal for cutting out fabric and a small pair of scissors, with short pointed blades, are ideal for cutting sewing thread and trimmings.

**Pins-** steel if possible.

**Tape Measure-** Dressmakers tape measure to take personal measurements and measure fabrics.

**Hand sewing needles-** A selection of sewing needles are essential for tacking and finishing your samples.

### Costs in addition to brochure price

Fabric, pattern, dressmaking shears, stitch scissors, steel pins, metric tape measure, fabric for samples and an A4 folder.

### Enrolment & payment

Booking Forms available from the website <http://community.cvcweb.net> or from the College. You can also enrol by phone on 01954 288751. Payment can be made by cheque, payable to Astrea Academy Trust, cash or credit/debit card in person, over the phone or by completing the section on the booking form and posting it to the College. Please note refunds can only be made if a class is cancelled or closed.

### Equalities Statement

The County Council operates an Equality of Opportunity Policy. We believe everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a learning community based on mutual respect and trust. We welcome people with disabilities and those with special needs, learning disabilities, epilepsy, dyslexia, hearing impaired and partially sighted. Please contact us in confidence to discuss any support you may need.

\* **Those Receiving The Following Benefits May Claim The Concessionary Rate For Leisure Courses:** Working Family Tax Credit; Job Seeker’s Allowance; Income Based Benefit; ‘Guaranteed Credit’ element of Pension Credit; Unwaged Dependent of above; Students Aged 16 – 18. **Please note that proof of above will be required otherwise full fee will be due.**

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# Cottenham Village College

## Adult Learning Terms & Conditions



### Enrolment and Fee Policy

For full course information: <http://community.cvcweb.net>

- You can book your chosen course by completing a booking form and posting it with a cheque payable to Astrea Academy Trust for the course fee (please do not send cash).
- Material charges are not included in the course fee unless otherwise stated.
- We accept bookings over the phone, please have your credit/debit card to hand.
- We welcome enquiries by email but please DO NOT quote your card payment details on email.
- Enrolments are welcome throughout the year.
- Courses with fewer than the minimum number of learners may have the option of continuing on payment of supplementary fees.
- Fees are payable in full at the time of booking a course. We accept payment by all major debit and credit cards, cheques (payable to Astrea Academy Trust) or cash in person.
- Please note, should you withdraw from a course that continues to meet you will still be liable to pay any outstanding fees.
- Refunds will be paid in full if a class is unable to start due to insufficient enrolments.
- Refunds cannot be given if a course has already started, unless you cancel your place for medical reasons, in which case a Doctor's Certificate is required.
- Concessionary fees are available (proof will be required) if you are:
  - in receipt of the "Guaranteed Credit" element of the Pension Credit
  - in receipt of a means tested benefit
  - in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance
  - a full-time student

**DATA PROTECTION: OPT-IN to receive information about courses** –if you wish to receive information about Adult Learning courses please go to our website: [community.cvcweb.net](http://community.cvcweb.net) and follow the link to **OPT IN** to enable us to keep you updated regarding courses.

### Learner Information

- If you have given us your email address, you will receive confirmation of your place following enrolment. Contact Adult Learning 01954 288751 or Email: [community@cvcweb.net](mailto:community@cvcweb.net).
- Please note that we attempt to run classes on consecutive weeks, however if this isn't the case we will let you know the dates in advance as far as possible.
- In the event of Tutor illness or school closure due to severe weather conditions resulting in a cancelled class, there will be an additional class offered at the end of the course.
- Free parking is available (at own risk).
- **PAT Testing** – any personal electrical items used on school premises must hold a current PAT certificate unless under 1 year old, eg: Sewing Machine, Overlocker, glue guns, soldering irons etc.

**Cambridgeshire County Council Adult Learning & Skills** supports a wide range of Adult Learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire, including courses, clubs, community groups and family learning opportunities. For more information please search website [www.cambsals.co.uk](http://www.cambsals.co.uk)

### Equality & Diversity

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+. 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.

### Additional Learning Support

We welcome learners with disabilities, learning difficulties, medical conditions and other needs. If you would like to discuss how we can support you to reach your learning aim, please speak to your Tutor or ask for a confidential discussion with the Adult Learning Manager.

### Safeguarding

We've made arrangements to ensure that you are safe in Cottenham Village College. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, eg. through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, tell your Tutor or the Adult Learning Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

**National Careers Service (NCS)** Careers advice is available to all learners. The NCS provides free information and guidance on all aspects of learning, skills development and employment. Help is provided in a way that suits you, on-line, face to face or by telephone. Go to [www.cambsals.co.uk](http://www.cambsals.co.uk) and click on "I need some advice" for more information or phone them on 0845 603 1059.