

Monthly Saturday morning manuscript reading sessions Centre d'Études Médiévales Anglaises ~ ÉA 2557

## ♦ Difficult letter-forms







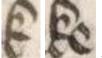








= long i (I)





= long r, rr



= [o]r 2-shaped r



'sigma' (initial) s = 8-shaped s





= long s, ss[e], s[t]



= v (also initial u)













= yogh (3 for 'y' or 'gh')

A useful website for beginners' practice at the University of Nottingham:

*Medieval Handwriting* – Interactive exercises http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/toolkits/play\_2887

Turther reading online:

The Late Medieval English Scribes project https://www.medievalscribes.com/

## ~ Surviving Middle English handwriting in MS EL 26 C 9 and other mss ~

## Some capital letters



¶ (capitulum sign)







## Abbreviations

= Tironian *nota* for 'et' = 'and', also :



macron = n/m (ten; un)

superscript a = 'ra' or 'ar'

p = per, pre, par, or pra



= [m]'er' or 'yr', or 're'



superscript i (price)

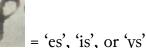




 $w^t = with' \text{ or 'wyth'}$ 









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