

Добро пожаловать A level Russian!

- Year 12 and 13
Russian language two year course

Russian



Why study Russian at AS/A2 level?

1. Enjoyment
2. Understanding of other cultures
3. Balanced curriculum
4. Future employment
5. Excellent teaching and learning opportunities

e.g.: You cannot apply for Economics alone – only in a combination with another subject (most popular with a Language)



Structure GCE Russian course

1. Continuation of the four GCSE skills
2. Broadening of subject content



Topics covered in Year 12

Тема 1: Развивающееся российское общество:

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- **Жизнь российской молодёжи**
- Здоровье; отдых;
- новые технологии.
- **Образование и Мир труда**
- Система образования; жизнь российских школьников.
- Отношение к труду; возможности для молодых россиян; равноправие.
- **Literature: Пиковая Дама**
- **Образование в постсоветском периоде**
Изменения советской системы образования.
- **Социальное обеспечение в постсоветском периоде**
Перемены в системе здравоохранения и социального обеспечения в современной России.



world around us



Тема 2: Политическая и художественная культура в России

Theme 2 is set in the context of the Russian-speaking world.

Средства массовой информации, телевидение и кино

Общественное и политическое влияние печатной и онлайн прессы, телевидения и кино.

Массовая культура

Музыка, цирк и танец в массовой культуре.

Праздники, фестивали и традиции

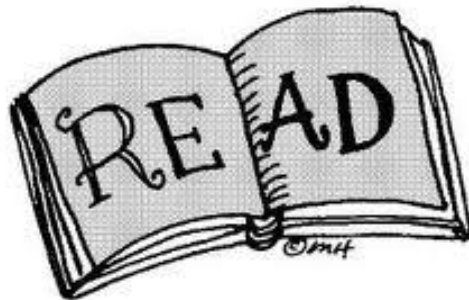
Традиционные и новые фестивали и обычаи, как часть развивающегося национального самосознания.



Paper 1

Listening (45 mins), Reading (45 mins)
and Translation (into English- 15 mins)

- First assessment: May/June 2018.
- The total assessment time is 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- The assessment is out of 64 marks.
- The use of dictionaries is not permitted.



Paper 2

Written response to works and translation



- Writing critical responses in the language of study to the works taken from the prescribed list
- First assessment: May/June 2018.

The total assessment time is 1 hour and 40 minutes

- The assessment is out of 60 marks.
- There are three parts to this paper: Section A (translation into Russian- 25 mins) and Sections B and C (written response to works *students must write one essay, selected from **either** Section B (literary texts) **or** Section C (films)*– 1h 15 mins)
- 195 and 215 words per essay



Topics covered in A2

- Literature and the arts: Утомленные солнцем
- Moscow
- 1991



Unit 3

Understanding and spoken response in target language

- First assessment: April/May 2019.
- Timing for the speaking assessment:
- Task 1: 6 to 7 minutes (recommended)
- Task 2: 10 to 11 minutes (recommended)
- Total assessment time: 21 to 23 minutes, (16 to 18 minutes of speaking plus 5 minutes' preparation time for Task 1).



Unit 4

research, understanding and written response in target language



- Translation into target language
 - Target language essay
 - Research-based essay
 - 65% of A2
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How is the subject taught?

- 2 teachers: госпожа Altseva и госпожа Heath
- Sessions with a native speaker: Mrs Azikhanova
- Individual learning (DVDs, exchanges, extra reading, extra curricular activities.)





Frequently asked questions

- What about linguistic ability?
- How does the teaching differ from the GCSE course?
- Does literature have a place in the new syllabus?



Oxbridge classes

grammar aptitude and interview skills



Чехов



Пушкин



Лермонтов



Ахматова



Есенин



Достоевский

Literary texts

- *Пиковая дама*, Александр Пушкин, 1834 (short story)
 - *Ревизор*, Николай Гоголь, 1836 (play)
 - *Вишнёвый сад*, Антон Чехов, 1904 (play)
 - *Один день Ивана Денисовича*, Александр Солженицын, 1962 (novella)
 - *Неделя как неделя*, Наталья Баранская, 1968 (novella)
 - *Сонечка*, Людмила Улицкая, 1992 (novella)
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Films

- *Крылья*, dir. Лариса Шепитько (1966)
 - *Утомлённые солнцем*, dir. Никита Михалков (1994)
 - *Кавказский пленник*, dir. Сергей Бодров (1996)
 - *Левиафан*, dir. Андрей Звягинцев (2014)
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where?

Oxford colleges that offer Russian

- **Russian**

Brasenose

Christ Church

Exeter

Jesus College

Lady Margaret Hall

Lincoln

Magdalen

Merton

New College

Oriel

Pembroke

The Queen's College

Somerville

St Catherine's

St Edmund Hall

St John's

St Peter's

Trinity

University College

Wadham



Russian is one of the six languages that you can study in Cambridge

This degree opens up countless career opportunities, is stimulating, mind-broadening, enjoyable, sociable, diverse, flexible, wide-ranging, and uses state-of-the-art technology.

(from the Cambridge University website)



Which university?

Russian Studies

- 1 Cambridge/ Oxford
 - 2 Durham
 - 5 Exeter
 - 4 Bristol
 - 6 Bath
 7. Queen Mary, University of London
 8. Manchester
 9. Edinburgh
 10. UCL
 11. Birmingham
 12. Sheffield
 13. St Andrews
 14. Leeds
 15. Nottingham
 - Central Lancashire
 16. Glasgow
 18. Westminster
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Why Study Russian?

Russian is spoken:

- by millions of people from Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean;
- by those interested in international affairs and business opportunities in the East;
- by those interested in science and mathematics where Russia still leads;
- Russia is an enormous potential market, a crucial source of natural resources, and a major diplomatic, political, economic and military power demanding a central role on the international stage
- Ivan the Terrible, Peter the Great, Rasputin, Lenin, Stalin, Gorbachev, Yeltsin, etc. Can you think of a more intriguing set of historical characters?
- Some of the world's most famous authors are Russian: Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Chekhov, Gogol, Pushkin, Solzhenitsyn, Nabokov, Pasternak, etc.
- Russia is home to some of the worlds' best composers such as Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Mussorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, etc.

Need one say more?

Career opportunities

- Philip Hammond, the former foreign secretary, said Russia's "aggressive behaviour" posed a significant threat to the UK, adding: "It is no coincidence that all the agencies are recruiting Russian speakers again."
- This wasn't news to Russian-language students at Cambridge. About a week before Hammond's speech they received an email bearing a tasteful picture of Russian nested dolls and the cryptic heading "Ideas and intentions live in the layers of a language". It was from MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, advertising £30,000 graduate posts for speakers of Russian, people who could "enable us to make the right choices to help safeguard national security".

Russian Language Opportunities | GCHQ Careers

There is an "alarming" shortfall in UK diplomatic staff fluent in Arabic or Russian

Graduates with Russian go into career areas as diverse as:

- accounting & finance
- economics and business studies
- industry
- the media
- publishing
- Law
- Language analyst
- travel & tourism
- British and international civil services
- the police, the army
- non-governmental organisations
- teaching
- translating and interpreting
- and academia

Exchange trips opportunities: Moscow and Saint Petersburg



Trips abroad opportunities: post-USSR countries



Which country next?!



Year 13 about GCE Russian course

Russian department grades

Successful Oxbridge and the Russel Group university expect grades

A* and A

Russian results are some of the **highest** in school.

2020—2021-2022 results: 100% A* - A

2022: Number of students in Year 13: 209

A Level Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X
Art A2	13	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
Biology A2	84	31	28	15	7	1	1	0	1
Chemistry A2	97	22	38	17	11	7	1	0	1
Economics A2	45	7	16	17	5	0	0	0	0
English Literature A2	30	12	8	8	2	0	0	0	0
French A2	21	8	9	4	0	0	0	0	0
Further Mathematics A2	48	21	6	4	15	1	0	1	0
Geography A2	27	15	8	4	0	0	0	0	0
German A2	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
History A2	25	9	9	5	1	0	0	0	1
Mathematics A2	149	53	61	13	9	11	1	0	1
Media Studies A2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Music A2	10	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Physics A2	71	29	26	7	5	3	1	0	0
Politics A2	17	6	6	3	2	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies A2	18	6	3	4	2	2	1	0	0
Russian A2	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	675	238	235	105	62	25	5	1	4

2021: Number of students in Year 13: 214

A Level Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X
Art A2	16	7	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
Biology A2	92	35	40	12	2	2	1	0	0
Chemistry A2	95	17	44	18	13	2	1	0	0
Economics A2	41	14	19	8	0	0	0	0	0
English Literature A2	28	11	12	4	1	0	0	0	0
French A2	15	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
Further Maths A2	39	21	11	4	1	1	1	0	0
Geography A2	30	13	12	4	1	0	0	0	0
German A2	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
History A2	28	9	14	3	1	1	0	0	0
Mathematics A2	161	73	54	26	4	1	2	1	0
Media A2	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Music A2	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics A2	65	20	23	11	9	2	0	0	0
Politics A2	14	4	5	4	0	1	0	0	0
Religious Studies A2	11	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Russian A2	14	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theatre A2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	676	259	267	101	33	10	5	1	0