



## Curriculum Intent

The Russian department seeks to develop ambitious and resilient linguists who recognise their common humanity and strive to gain inter-cultural understanding and respect.

We aim to provide an understanding of Russian in a range of themes (Identities, Education, Town, Holidays, Leisure, Healthy living) which enables students to communicate effectively in authentic situations on their exchange visits and prepared for the challenges of developing the language at a higher level and with an aspiration to continue the language in the Sixth Form.

We intend develop our students to be inquisitive and curious about the culture, knowledgeable and understanding, open-minded and courageous as they personally develop through their learning of Russian.

## Autumn Term

### Students will learn:

#### GCSE Theme - Identity and Culture

- Free time
- Hobbies
- Music
- Film & Books
- Festivals
- Celebrities
- Fashion
- Social media

### Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- заниматься/увлекаться/интересоваться + instr (to busy self/to fascinate self/to interest self)
- Past, present, future tense recognition (revision) conjugating verbs based on dictionary and inf.
- Use of reflexive verbs
- Comparative adjectives - regular with -ее ending and use of 'чем' (than).
- Comparative adjectives - irregular.
- Use of 'по' as a prefix to mean 'to a small degree.'
- Use of genitive case to show object of comparison.



## Spring Term

### Students will learn:-

#### GCSE Theme – Local area, holiday & travel.

- Destinations
- Shopping
- Eating out
- Travel
- Accommodation
- Dealing with problems
- Asking questions
- Weather

### Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Using the genitive with 'нет' (no/not any) - noun and adjective endings.
- Reminder of accusative endings of nouns (not including animate endings)
- Accusative endings for adjectives.
- Numbers 0-5,000. Agreement of рубль (rouble) with numbers.
- ходить/ездить идти/ехать (to go) and prefixed verbs of motion.
- 24 hour clock.
- Ordinals in prepositional.
- Этот/эта/это/эти (this).
- Genitive adjective endings revised when describing position.

## Students will learn:-

### GCSE Theme – Future aspirations

- Professions
- Part time work
- Aspirations
- Languages beyond the classroom
- Work experience

### GCSE Theme – International and global dimensions

- Good causes
- Volunteering

## How are homework /wider resources used to enhance learning?

- ✓ Memrise
- ✓ Quizlet
- ✓ Writing tasks such as: hobby preferences / postcards, holiday itinerary, complaint letter / CV, application, work experience blog.
- ✓ Youtube – slow Russian
- ✓ Radiogarden.com
- ✓ Grammar revision exercises in textbook/workbook/active learn
- ✓ Clinic sessions
- ✓ Create an anagram of frequently misspelt words
- ✓ Suggested homework tasks TBC

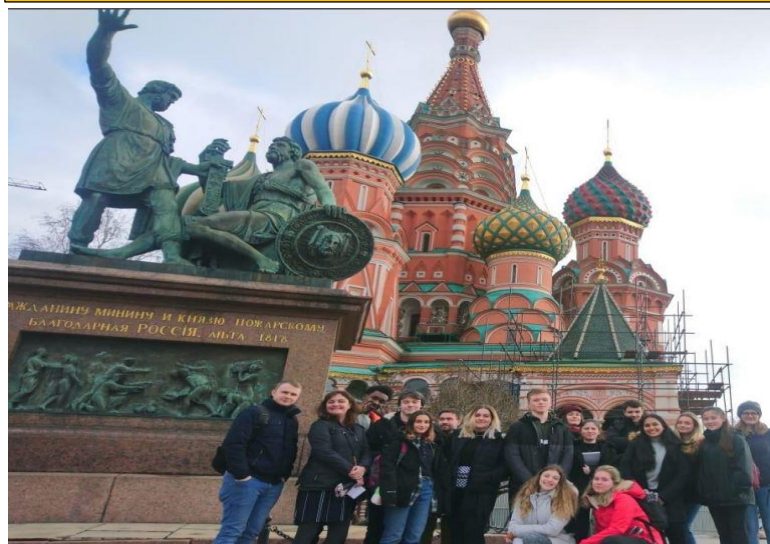
## How will students be assessed?

- ✓ weekly 10 point tests
- ✓ regular vocabulary testing
- ✓ skills testing within class (formative) such as frequent listening/reading/writing exercises In class
- ✓ end of unit tests by skill every half term (summative)
- ✓ translation practice
- ✓ peer and self-assessment
- ✓ peer speaking exercises to promote spontaneous speech

## Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Consolidation of comparative and superlative adjectives
- 'On Mondays' etc recap (explanation that this is the dative plural)
- Instrumental singular - revision of noun endings.
- Introduction of adjective endings.
- Dative endings - nouns (revision) and adjectives (new)
- Use of -нибудь and -то (someone/something)
- conditional - бы (would) + past tense

“если хочешь изменить мир - начни с себя!”



## What does Excellence look like?

- ✓ accurate verb conjugation
- ✓ giving a range of opinions with justifications
- ✓ accurate adjectival agreements
- ✓ accurate use of intonation to form questions
- ✓ authentic pronunciation
- ✓ using cognates to develop comprehension skills
- ✓ using accurate spelling
- ✓ using a range of connectives to make sentence structure more complex
- ✓ using accents to pronounce words precisely
- ✓ accurate use of cases and production of Russian letters

## International Opportunities

### Visits Programmes

Whilst our students are unable to visit Russia before Sixth Form, they are able to develop their language with the support of Native Speaker volunteers in addition to their classroom lessons. Students may also get the opportunity to virtually visit the Alexander Gardens and the Kremlin from their own classroom in order to experience a bit of the country for themselves.

### Within the curriculum

Students explore the language through a range of themes and every opportunity is taken to develop intercultural understanding. We seek to explore the differences in the cultures. This is particularly the case when exploring, town, travel and the environment. Authentic materials are used in order to create a realistic portrayal of the language and culture. Students are frequently able to compare their cultures with Russia and other Eastern European countries.