



Russian Yr 8

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 to prepare for the challenges of developing the language at a higher level in KS4 and the Sixth Form. We intend to 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:-

- Give personal introductions
- Counting up to 100
- Express feelings
- What my friends and family are like.
- Interests
- Food and drink preferences
- Talk about where you live
- Describe role models
- Describe school

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- The Russian alphabet
- Present tense verbs
- Using different pronouns
- Giving and justifying opinions
- Accusative case
- Identifying the plural form of masculine and feminine nouns
- я играю в + sport
- не as a prefix
- в + prepositional case
- Gender of nouns
- Listening for gist
- Recognising cognates
- Using hard & soft signs



Spring Term

Students will learn:-

- Describing relationships and family including pets
- Developing interests and socialising e.g. Sports
- School subjects
- Develop opinions
- School activities
- Timetables – date and time
- School rules

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Verb conjugation
- Using different pronouns
- Giving and justifying opinions
- Identifying the plural form of masculine and feminine nouns
- я играю в + sport не as a prefix
- age with лет only
- по + dat. pl. for 'on' days of the week
- в час/часа/часов using the 24-hr clock
- в + prepositional case
- Gender of nouns
- Adjectival agreement
- Recognising cognates
- Using hard & soft signs

“Human life is but a series of footnotes to a vast obscure unfinished masterpiece” Vladimir Nabokov “Lolita”.

"There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth." Leo Tolstoy "War and Peace"



How is homework used to enhance learning?

- Memrise
- Quizlet
- Writing tasks such as: descriptions of yourself, interview dialogue.
- Youtube – slow Russian
- Radiogarden.com

Summer Term

Students will learn:-

- Interests
- Everyday life – describing routines
- Describing your home
- Places in town
- The past tense to say what we did yesterday
- Describing ideal house/town
- Describing where you have been on holiday
- Use the past tense to say what you did on holiday
- Use the future tense to say what you're going to do
- Describing the weather in different tenses

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Verb conjugation in the past including past tense of *быть*, present and future - (imperfective + *поехать* as simple future)
- Understand the conditional tense
- How to describe a photo for the GCSE exam
- How to combine tenses
- How to use comparative structures + *лучше/хуже*
- Accusative case
- Adjectives: with the prefix *не-* and fem.sing. acc
- *нет* + genitive
- Including the first spelling rule *находиться*
- Gender of soft sign nouns

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

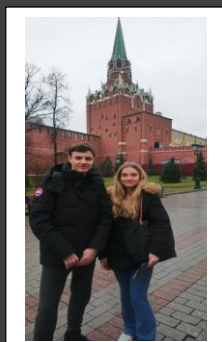
What does Excellence look like?

- Accurate verb conjugation
- Giving a range of opinions with justifications
- Accurate use of intonation to form questions authentic pronunciation
- Using cognates to develop comprehension skills
- Using accurate spelling
- Using connectives to make sentence structure more complex
- Using accents to pronounce words precisely
- Accurate use of cases

International Opportunities

Visits Programmes

Students can participate in a Russian exchange to Moscow and St Petersburg in the Lower Sixth.



Within the curriculum

- Discuss of Russian identity, culture and language
- Challenging prejudices and assumptions
- Study of the fluidity of a unique Eurasian culture and history
- Discussion of school life in Russia
- Discussion and writing about travel abroad.