



Introductory Russian Lower 6th

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.

In this 2 term beginner's course, we aim to provide a basic understanding of Russian in a range of practical scenarios so that students can communicate effectively in authentic situations whilst appreciating its value in their futures. We intend to develop our students to be inquisitive and curious about culture, knowledgeable and understanding, open-minded and courageous as they personally develop through their learning of Russian.

Edmund de Waal — "*With languages, you are at home anywhere.*"

This qualification will help learners to develop the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Topics covered:

- Greetings
- Personal information
- Family and description of people
- Local area
- School
- Food & drink
- Including restaurant and shopping scenarios.
- Hobbies
- Including past, present & future tenses.



Knowledge, understanding & Skills

On successful completion of this qualification, learners will be able to:

- Read simple messages including questions or requests for information on familiar subjects in the target language and produce a written response in the target language.
- Understand and use basic words and phrases in familiar situations.
- Take part in simple interactions, applying the basic rules of pronunciation and employing appropriate and commonly used conventions.
- Begin to develop an awareness of the cultural conventions in the target language.

What does excellence look like?

- Confidence to speak with accurate pronunciation.
- Varied use of vocabulary.
- Use of past, present and future tenses.
- Any errors do not hinder clarity of communication

How can you enhance your learning at home?

- Sample assessments – describing your daily life
- Quizlet vocabulary links
- Memrise/Gimkit
- BBC Bitesize
- William Tweed Resources library
- Padlet
- <http://www.russianforeveryone.com/>

How will we assess impact?

Our teaching encourages regular learning of key vocabulary and refinement of grammatical structures that are tested regularly. Vocabulary recall is developed via weekly 10-point tests. Teachers assess pupils less formally in class via the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing. Pupils work collaboratively in pairs and groups to constantly improve their speaking skills, providing peer feedback.

Each half-term pupils take an assessment in test conditions during lesson time. At the end of the 2nd term, students will complete an assessment which will be submitted to the examination board for moderation to determine whether they have passed the course. (ABC).

International Opportunities

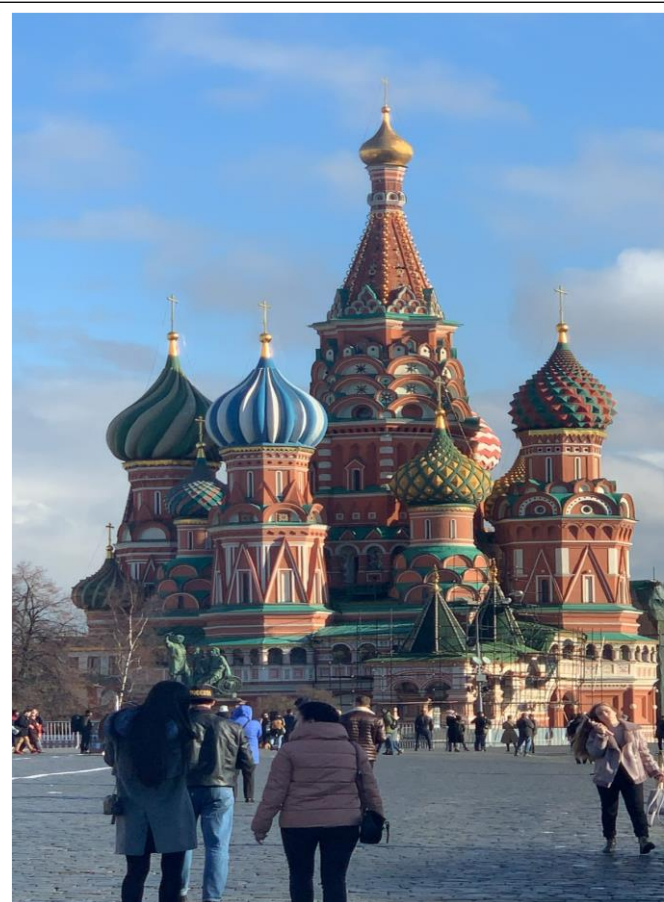
Visits Programmes

- Dependent on demand, we run a 2 week visit to St Petersburg and Moscow in the March of Lower 6th.



Within the curriculum

- The curriculum is designed to deepen understanding and appreciation of Italian culture and customs.
- Students are encouraged to research each theme beyond lessons and set work to ensure that they can draw on a wide knowledge of the culture and society.



Wider Reading

Russian culture & customs

<https://www.livescience.com/44154-russian-culture.html>

The Penguin History of Modern Russia – Robert Service

Russian Short Stories – Simple language learning

“Новый язык - это новая жизнь.”

Czech proverb

“A new language is a new life.”