



SUBJECT: Russian A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
Edexcel 9RU0 / QAN: 60312014

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Aspects of society, culture and history of the Russian-speaking world including: Political and current affairs and history, intellectual and artistic culture, past and present. Students will use authentic spoken and written sources from a variety of contexts and genres. Students will develop research skills in the language including on subjects of personal interest related to the Russian Speaking world. There is a prescribed list of grammar for A level that students will be expected to study and apply in class and in their independent study. Literature - study of two prescribed works: Queen of Spades by Pushkin, and the film Burnt by the Sun by Nikita Mikalhov.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

As a country soaked in culture and heritage Russia has always been highly esteemed and the language has been one of the most coveted languages of the world. Learning Russian Language gives you myriad opportunities and it will let you appreciate how the unique Russian environment and history has affected modern society.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

Exemplar exam papers can be found on the Edexcel website.

www.masterrussian.com

www.bbc.co.uk/Russian

<http://www.russianforfree.com/>

<http://www.aif.ru/>

<http://www.multitrans.ru>

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HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Speaking (30%)

The exam requires students to demonstrate spoken skills when giving presentations, having discussions and responding spontaneously to different themes and initiating face-to-face interactions.

Listening, Reading, Writing

Manipulate language accurately using a range of lexis and structure. Translate, summarise, listen for gist and meaning, adapt material for different audiences and registers, and read and respond in Russian or English on a range of authentic material. Show knowledge and understanding of different aspects of the target-language culture and respond to these critically and analytically.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Discman and headphones required for Listening exams. Attending lessons with the parent volunteer assistant is compulsory.

Recommended :

-501 Russian Verbs Thomas R. Beyer

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 or higher at GCSE level in Russian