



SUBJECT: Russian IB Standard

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
IBO Language B / QAN: 60008192

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Core topics:

- Identities
- Experiences
- Human ingenuity
- Sharing the planet
- Social organization

Students are expected to reach a high degree of competence in the language and explore the culture using the language. Students will use authentic spoken and written sources from a variety of contexts and genres. Students will develop research skills in the language as part of the course, focusing on an area of personal interest related to the Russian-speaking world. There is a prescribed list of grammar for IB students that students will be expected to study and apply in class and in their independent study.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying Russian not only allows you to further your language knowledge to a much higher standard than that of GCSE but also broadens your understanding of 20th Century history, contemporary film and significant literature. It enables you to develop many transferable skills ready for University, such as analysing and researching. In addition to this, it has often been said that learning and knowing a foreign language makes you more employable and opens up a world of opportunity.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

<http://masterrussian.com/>
<http://www.russianforfree.com/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/russian/>
<http://www.theotherrussia.org/>
<http://www.novayagazeta.ru/>
<http://www.aif.ru/>
<http://www.multitrans.ru>
A number of IB past exam papers can be found at:
www.freeexampapers.com/past

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Written production
Paper 2: Listening & reading
Oral exam.

Photo stimulus and discussion on themes studied.
Students will be assessed at regular intervals, through vocabulary/translation, past papers, exam condition essay writing and Preliminary examination periods.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are advised to keep up to date with topical issues around the world, especially in target language country. Dictionary for study at home is advised. Attending extra oral lessons is compulsory.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

GCSE at grade 5 or above in Russian.