

A Level Russian?

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying A Level Russian is an excellent choice for you. You will:

- be able to share your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- learn about countries where the language is spoken
- add a truly international dimension to your choice of A Level subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers look for
- learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public and using problem solving strategies
- create greater opportunities to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Many employers look for people with language skills

What can I do after I've completed the course?

People with language skills and knowledge are highly thought of in the modern world and Russian is the language 4th most in demand by UK businesses. Students of Russian stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons. Taking Russian at A level will:

- make your UCAS application **stand out** from the thousands that the admissions team will read
- put you in a **stronger position** to get a job in a company with international links
- **improve employability** if you would like to work abroad
- add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which **will impress** anyone who reads your CV

What do people who study Russian go on to do in life?

- Consultant for BP
- Management consultant, London
- Sales manager for Victoria Wine Company
- Teacher of English in Moscow
- Teacher of Russian and French
- Trainee with Reuters
- Client Relations Manager at a Boutique PR Agency

- Translator, Devon Air Ambulance
- Working for GCHQ
- John Lewis IT solutions manager

As this small sample shows, not everyone will necessarily use Russian. But one thing is clear: employers tend to be impressed with language graduates, and they are even more impressed by someone who has chosen to study a subject that most people think of as 'difficult'.

Presdales is unique in Hertfordshire for offering a Russian course to A Level. We strongly believe that Russian A Level would be an extremely empowering option for your future.

Results at both AS/A Level Russian at Presdales are very good, with pupils achieving the following using the current exam specification:

	AS Level	A2
2014-2015	67% A-B / 25% A-C	100% A-A*
2013-2014	80% A-B / 20% A-C	75% A-A* / 25% B
2012-2013	80% A-B / 20% A-C	(No A2 Group)
2011-2012	(No AS Group)	100% A-A*
2010-2011	66% A / 33% B	100% A-A*

The Russian specification remains the same until 2017. We know the course well and exactly how to prepare you for it.

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

You already know a fair amount of the vocabulary and grammar you'll need for A Level. You know how to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your hobbies, where you live, school, holidays, food and drink.

You'll build on this knowledge during your A Level course, and move on to new topics.

To confidently take Russian at A Level the Russian department recommends that pupils ideally need to achieve A/A* at GCSE. This is to ensure that you already have a good grasp of the key foundations of the language.

In circumstances where a student has shown a lot of dedication to the subject, the department will also consider a strong grade B at GCSE.

Next steps!

- Talk to your teacher in more detail about taking GCE Russian.
- Talk to students who are already doing or who have done the course.
- Visit the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com/gce2008) for more information about what you will be studying and how you will be assessed.