



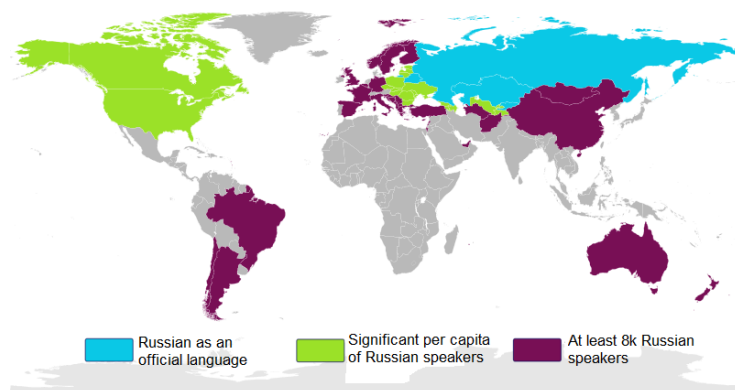
# Russian A level at Presdales



## What students will get from the Russian A level course at Presdales:

5 lessons per week as well as one lesson (individually, in pairs or in threes) with our Russian Assistant.

- Continuous progression
- Clear and coherent structure
- Manageable content
- Inspiring and engaging themes.
- Popular literary texts and films.
- Creativity and spontaneity.
- Knowledge of Russian culture and history.
- Preparation for further study and university.



- Fun, satisfaction, and a sense of achievement!

## For each class, you will need:

A lever-arch file  
File dividers  
A4 lined paper  
A4 clear pockets for handouts  
Pens/pencils/ruler  
Headphones for listening exercises



**school but equally important!):**

**And don't forget these (provided by**

Vocab. book

This booklet (as it gives you an overview of the course to refer to)

## Also useful:

Access to your school email address in case you need to contact us  
Access to Google Classroom login/ Edulink to see work set online

## A closer look at the Russian A level course...

The Sixth Form entry grade for Russian is 6 at GCSE, having taken Higher exam papers, and with a good Writing grade. A 6 and above at GCSE will ensure students find it easier to access the course.

## Why study Russian at A level?

The qualifications offer a suitable progression route to further study at university level and add to students' employability profile, particularly for UK organisations trading overseas as well as with international companies based in the UK and globally. Students can progress to a wide range of careers in areas such as journalism and media, education, science, medicine, the civil service, sales, marketing, retail, and charities.

## Fully linear

A levels will be fully linear, with students sitting their exams at the end of the two-year course. The A Level qualification will be graded on a six-grade scale from A\* to E.

## Themes/ Sub-topics: You will study 4 themes over two years.

### *Theme 1: The development of society in Russia*

- *The life of Russian youth*
- *Education*
- *The world of work*
- *The media*

### *Theme 2: Political and artistic culture in Russian-speaking countries and communities*

- *Popular culture*
- *Festivals*
- *Celebration and customs*

### *Theme 3: Moscow – changes in the life of a big city*

- *Population changes*
- *Social problems*
- *The environment*

### *Theme 4 : The last years of the USSR- Gorbachev (1985-1991)*

- *Perestroika*
- *Glasnost*
- *1991 - a year of change*

## USEFUL WEBSITES FOR STUDYING Russian

- [wordreference.com](http://wordreference.com) (best online dictionary)
- <https://cooljugator.com/ru> (verb conjugation website)
- <https://www.russianforfree.com/grammar-of-russian-language.php>
- <https://www.russianpod101.com/blog/2021/03/18/russian-grammar-overview/> s
- <https://www.russianforeveryone.com/>
- [quizlet.com](https://quizlet.com) (brilliant for learning vocabulary – we WILL be using this) A former A-level student is happy for you to see her sets but do create your own too as you go along: [https://quizlet.com/user/Esme\\_Sabin/folders](https://quizlet.com/user/Esme_Sabin/folders)
- <https://studyrocket.co.uk/revision/gcse-russian-edexcel/grammar/grammar-verbs>

## The Examinations

Exam board: Edexcel

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/russian-2017/coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

### A Level

#### Paper 1 (9RU0/01):

1. Listening (30 marks)
2. Reading (30 marks)
3. Translation into English (20 marks)
  - 80 marks
  - 2 hours
  - 40% of the qualification
  - No dictionaries

#### Paper 2 (9SRU/02):

1. Translation into Russian (20 marks)
2. Written response about literary text (50 marks)
3. Written response about film or second literary text (50 marks)
  - 120 marks
  - 2 hours and 40 minutes
  - 30% of the qualification
  - No dictionaries or documentation relating to the books/film studied.

#### Paper 3 (9RU0/03):

##### Speaking

1. Discussion on a Theme.  
Students discuss one Theme based on a stimulus containing two different statements (30 marks)
2. Presentation and discussion on independent research relating to the society and culture of the language studied. (42 marks)
  - Internally conducted and externally assessed
  - Total assessment time: 21 to 23 minutes including preparation time for 5 minutes.
  - 30% of the qualification
  - 72 marks

## A level lists of literary texts AND films

A level students must study either one text AND one film OR 2 texts.

As a class we study the top item from each box but feel free to read around and watch any of the other films.

We will start in year 12 with our film so it might be a good idea to watch it with subtitles in advance.

### Literary texts

- Пиковая дама, Александр Пушкин, 1834 (short story)
- Ревизор, Николай Гоголь, 1836 (play)
- Вишнёвый сад, Антон Чехов, 1904 (play)
- Один день Ивана Денисовича, Александр Солженицын, 1962 (novella)
- Неделя как неделя, Наталья Баранская, 1968 (novella)
- Сонечка, Людмила Улицкая, 1992 (novella)

### Films

- Утомлённые солнцем, dir. Никита Михалков (1994)  Burnt by the Sun 1994
- Кавказский пленник, dir. Сергей Бодров (1996)  
 Kavkazskiy plennik - Jeniec Kaukazu 1996 Napisy PL
- Левиафан, dir. Андрей Звягинцев (2014)  Leviathan
- Крылья, dir. Лариса Шепитько (1966)  Крылья (4K, драма, реж. Лариса Шепитько, 1966 г.)

- ☐ Studying a film or a book may sound a little intimidating but it is lots of fun and really helps you expand your knowledge of Russian culture. 😊
- ☐ Also, we will be here to support you as you go and make sure you are understanding and (hopefully) enjoying the texts!



## SUMMER HOLIDAY / BRIDGING WORK

<https://www.londonschool.com/young-adults/russia-culture-quiz/>

- **Make notes on and revise the following tenses for REGULAR AND IRREGULAR verbs: present, preterite, imperfect, future, conditional**). Keep your notes safe and bring them, in your Russian folder, to your first Russian lessons. There will be a test on these after a few weeks. **If you're not sure**, look at the verb section of studyRussian.com and the 'useful websites' list in your induction booklet.
- **Collect an article related to each of the 6 sub-topics you will study in Y12 (Festivals in Russia, tourism in Russia, work in Russia, Russian music, media in Russia, festivals/traditions)**. These can be in English or Russian and can be from newspapers, magazines or the internet. At A level, you will need to be able to express opinions and demonstrate knowledge of trends/facts as well as being judged on your Russian so wide reading is essential. **List the website/sources too.**
- **First quizlet to learn:**  
**<https://quizlet.com/gb/1053383049/phrases-to-introduce-general-observations-about-life-in-russian-speaking-countries-flash-cards/?i=20se86&x=1qqt>**
- **Start consuming Russian-language media** (music, TV, film, radio, podcasts etc.) and **make a list of what you have tried out/enjoyed**. (Unsure? Just Google: eg 'intermediate Russian podcasts')

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## Our first topic is .....Музыка

\*\*\* Pre-read these two texts. No need to do the activities yet.

[1.01 Hip-hop.doc](#)

[Year 12 taster.pdf](#)

### Музыка

- **A good (and easy) way to start thinking about and enjoying Russian culture is to start listening to Russian music. Why not pick some songs suggested in these clips:**

### Songs for learning Russian

▶ 115. 11 Rock Songs for Russian learning | Learn Russian with Songs

▶ Музыка Monday! Learn Russian Grammar with Миллион алых роз by Alla Pugacheva

▶ Музыка Monday: Бездельник by the rock group Kino. Learn Russian grammar and vocabulary with music!

▶ Learn Russian with the song "Прекрасное далёко" LIVE STREAM

▶ Learn Russian with Songs Live Stream: Пачка Сигарет by Кино

▶ Музыка Monday! Learn Russian with songs: Полковнику никто не пишет From Брат 2

### General

### Top 5 Russian Mistakes Learners Make in My Comments

### 34 Very Common Russian Phrases To Learn - FAST and SLOW (English translation)

### Традиции - Traditions

▶ Learn Russian Culture And Traditions - Mushrooms

### Музыка- Music

### Dialogue in Russian - Music is where our souls dwell

▶ Виктор Цой Сборник песен

### Досуг- Leisure time

### Gifts Of The Russian Forest (Listening practice)

▶ How do you spend your free time? | Vlog In Russian #19

## **Здоровье- Health**

[What do Russians Eat for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner | Russian Eating Habits](#)

[Intermediate Russian - Is health care free in Russia? \(Listening practice eng \ rus subs\)](#)

▶ Why Do Russians Love Walking So Much? - Russian With Subtitles

▶ How Much Do Russians Drink? | Russian Pronunciation and Dictation Lesson # 6

## **Учёба - Education**

[Schools and education](#)

▶ Going to Moscow State University | Learn Russian language vlog #15

## **Работа -Work**

[Intermediate Conversation in Russian - Best and Worst Jobs](#)

## **Films/TV**

Russian movies with English and Russian subtitles

<https://sovietmoviesonline.com/>

Many Russian movies with Russian subtitles

<https://megogo.ru/>

Soviet movies with Russian subtitles

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4dWJMOQ\\_a1TPLZbU-K3ic\\_HODgNTppT9](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4dWJMOQ_a1TPLZbU-K3ic_HODgNTppT9)

All soviet movies on RVISION with English subtitles:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKpdDNg-FgqRDg7TbIOgoQ>

Russian Sherlock Holmes with English subtitles

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCB2AE9A8DE995622>

StarMediaEN Russian movies with English and AutoRussian subs

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuSx-lf2ft7hPceGVNHybOw>

**Most famous TV-show in Russian with subs (En\Rus)**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs0ByhrXWG5ppFQaSNPdluh4KWdhTiY6J>

**Masha and the Bear - Famous Russian cartoon**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRv76wLBC73jiP7LX4C3l8Q>

**PLEASE BRING NOTES ON YOUR VIEWING IN ENGLISH TO YOUR FIRST RUSSIAN LESSONS NEXT YEAR !**

**Other information you have already seen about the A level**

 **Russian A level Curriculum.pptx**

 **Why do Russian A Level at Presdales 2017.docx**