

Russian GCSE at Woodbridge High School

What are the main things I will study in Y9?

- You will be practising and using your Russian with the four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking, at a continually higher level.
- You will learn how to express yourself in the past, present, and future; as well as being introduced to more complex grammatical structures.
- You will learn how to write longer, more in-depth pieces of Russian.
- You will be using authentic Russian materials to improve your language abilities.
- You will be studying the culture and history of Russia to complement your developing linguistic skills



Key Points.

4 parts to exam. All worth equal marks:

- 1) Listening – 25%
- 2) Speaking – 25%
- 3) Reading/Understanding -25%
- 4) Writing – 25%

All take place towards end of Year 11.

Who is this course best suited to?

- Those who enjoy a challenge and want to stand out from the crowd with a Russian GCSE.
- Those who are interested in finding out about and understanding one of the most influential countries in the world.
- Those who are linguistically curious and can absorb and understand new and complex ways of expressing ideas in a different language.
- Those who are hard-working and can commit themselves to making the required effort to progress in a complex language, like Russian.
- **In order to take the Russian course, we ask that you have a command of the Russian alphabet and can read and write confidently.**



What will I do in lessons?

Lessons are designed to ensure you develop your communicative skills in the language to enable you to achieve your best possible grade. We put a strong emphasis on developing your spontaneity, complexity and accuracy in the language, as well as your comprehension abilities, as these are skills needed for both the GCSE examination and for using the language in real-life. You will also be given lots of opportunities to practise the four skills required for the exam, in addition to lots of activities designed to help you acquire, practise and consolidate vocabulary and grammar.

A key aspect of learning a language, regardless of whether you are preparing for an examination or not, is independent work. To this aim, you will complete independent work using interactive online vocabulary resources such as Quizlet as well as completing a range of independent home-learning activities to practice and consolidate the skills and knowledge learnt in lessons.

Can I really use Russian in the future?

Students with qualifications in Russian are very rare and highly sought after. Having Russian on your CV is a sign that you are a committed student who can achieve a qualification in a difficult language. Work opportunities in Russia, or with Russian customers or clients are readily available and varied. There are opportunities in foreign policy and international relations, natural resource management, finance, tourism, international law, music, sport, and culture. Studying Russian to a higher level complements many other subject choices and assists applications to universities. Russian is considered to be an academically- challenging “facilitating subject” by the Russell Group universities.



Should I choose two languages?

Woodbridge High School is one of the very few state schools where you can do two languages at GCSE. This is very valuable when applying to competitive universities & looks very good on your CV. Being able to speak two languages will be a huge benefit to a wide range of careers!

In short, why should I take this course?

It is a rare opportunity to challenge yourself by learning a fascinating language with a fascinating history and culture, and that opens up many opportunities and that will enrich your understanding of the world for years to come.