

Topics

KEY STAGE 3

- Year 7
 - Term 1 - Introduction to Russian (learning the alphabet, simple phrases)
 - Term 2 - About me (family, numbers and pets)
 - Term 3 - My town (describing what your town is like and what is there)
 - Term 4 - Free time (sports/hobbies)
 - Term 5 - Cultural project - getting to know Russia (including history and geography of Russia, Russian foods, popular culture such as sport and literature)
- Year 8
 - Term 1 - School (subjects, likes and dislikes, past tense)
 - Term 2 - Food and drink (numbers, likes and dislikes, ordering food/drink)
 - Term 3 - Holidays (countries, weather - two tenses, holiday activities, future tense)
 - Term 4 - My house (rooms and furniture, where you want to live in)
 - Term 5 - Shopping (clothes, revision of colours, buying/selling - two tenses)
 - Term 6 - Research project (study of Russian town/city)

KEY STAGE 4

- Year 9
 - Term 1 - Family (describe your family, jobs)
 - Term 2 - My town (location, free time, descriptions in 3 tenses)
 - Term 3 - Holidays (3 tenses)
 - Term 4 - School (3 tenses, routines, future plans)
 - Term 5 - Revision (all themes in 3 tenses, exam-style questions)
 - Term 6 - Healthy lifestyle (parts of the body, going to the doctor's, staying healthy)
- Year 10
 - Theme 1 - Identity and Culture
 - Theme 2 - Local area, holiday and travel
 - Theme 3 - School
 - Theme 4 - Future inspirations, studies and work
 - Theme 5 - International and global dimension
- Year 11
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 - Theme 2 - Local area, holiday and travel
 - Theme 3 - School
 - Theme 4 - Future inspirations, studies and work
 - Theme 5 - International and global dimension

A level

- Year 12
 - Theme 1 - Development of Russian society. (Youth, Education, World of work)

Theme 2 - Political and Artistic culture of Russia (Mass Media, Freedom of speech, Music, Circus, Festivals and Traditions)

Russian literature Studies - "Queen of Spades" by A.Pushkin - analysis of the key characters and themes

- Year 13

Theme 3 - Case study. Life in St Petersburg (Advantages and disadvantages, Homelessness, Ecology, Developments)

Theme 4 - Collapse of the USSR (Reasons and outcomes of the collapse, the key figures)

Film studies - "Burnt by the sun" - analysis of the key characters and themes

Assessment information

GCSE:

Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Russian (*Paper code: 1RU0/1F and 1H)

Foundation tier: 35 minutes, including 5 minutes' reading time; 50 marks

Higher tier: 45 minutes, including 5 minutes' reading time; 50 marks

25% of the total qualification

Paper 2: Speaking in Russian (*Paper code: 1RU0/2F and 2H) Internally conducted and externally assessed

Foundation tier: 7-9 minutes plus 12 minutes' preparation time; 70 marks

Higher tier: 10-12 minutes plus 12 minutes' preparation time; 70 marks

25% of the total qualification

Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Russian (*Paper code: 1RU0/3F and 3H)

Foundation tier: 50 minutes; 50 marks.

Higher tier: 1 hour 5 minutes; 50 marks

25% of the total qualification

Paper 4: Writing in Russian (*Paper code: 1RU0/4F and 4H)

Foundation tier: 1 hour 15 minutes; 60 marks

Higher tier: 1 hour 25 minutes; 60 marks

25% of the total qualification

A- Level:

Paper 1 (*Paper code: 9RU0/01)	Paper 2 (*Paper code: 9RU0/02)	Paper 3 (*Paper code: 9RU0/03)
2 hours	2 hours and 40 minutes	21-23 min, which includes 5 min for prep time
Listening, reading and	Written response to	

translation	works and translation	Speaking
40% of the total marks 80 marks	30% of the total marks 120 marks	30% of the total marks 72 marks

Useful links

Sites for GCSE:

[GCSE Edexcel webpage](#) - GCSE Specification, Past Papers, Support materials

<https://www.russianvocab.co.uk/quizlet-resources> - excellent vocab resource

Sites for A- level:

[A-Level Edexcel webpage](#) - A-level Specification, Past Papers, Support materials, Examiner's Reports

- www.rbth.ru – Russia Beyond The Headlines: a website giving Russian news in English. Politics, economics, international news, society, opinion, arts & living, photo of the day, blogs.
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/search/news/?q=russia> - An overview of Russia including key facts, political leaders, historical timeline and notes on the media
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/russian/> - BBC news service, provided in Russian language
- <https://www.russianvocab.co.uk/quizlet-resources> - FAB vocab resource, <https://www.russianvocab.co.uk/copy-of-other-vocab-lists> -
- check videos with EASY RUSSIAN <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxvt-g7JsPNnEn8tUtZZBBg> - Real life video with Russian and English subtitles
- <https://quizlet.com/Burrovski/folders/russian-gcse/sets> - Vocab revision
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklUqFEclqFnWKEBozw5p4g/videos> - Russian with Max
- <https://rtd.rt.com/films/under-moscow-film-urbex-underground-exploring-tunnels/> - RT documentary channel

