

Russian

What will I study and learn?

You will study four broad topics: the development of Russian society; political and artistic culture in the Russian-speaking world; Moscow or St Petersburg – changes in the life of a large Russian city and the last years of the USSR; and Gorbachev. With the exception of the second topic, all the topics are set in the context of Russia only. You will also undertake a study of one work of literature and one film, both in the target language. Ahead of the oral exam, you will complete an independent research project based on one of the themes or on your own subject of interest related to Russian-speaking society and culture.

What skills should I have and what will be developed?

The skills developed at GCSE will be built upon during this two-year course, and you will develop your language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing to a much higher level. By the end of the course, you will be able to read increasingly longer texts, hold a conversation at normal speed, be able to write analytical essays in Russian, and have sound translation skills.

We will cover the necessary new grammar, as well as revise what you have already done for GCSE and encourage you to undertake the systematic and regular learning of new vocabulary. You can expect to be taught in a small group. You will have much more opportunity to contribute in lessons and will play an active role in discussion. You will also have regular slots with our native Russian Assistant for more speaking practice.

This course will prepare you for a degree-level study of Russian, whether as a single honours subject, a dual honours subject with another language, or an unrelated subject.

Beyond the classroom

Russian will certainly be a rewarding choice and you will be able to take part in our trip to Estonia or Latvia which we run every two years. As former countries of the USSR, Estonia and Latvia have a sizeable Russian population and our trip contains some time in a language school where students will be immersed in the language. We also often organise cultural trips locally relating to Russian such as films, exhibitions and theatre trips.

Future opportunities

The range of university courses offering a language as one element is extremely broad, encompassing law, business, management, finance, computing and engineering to name but a few.

“We are very lucky to have such an amazing Russian department at BGS. Discovering the culture, learning about current affairs and how to communicate with others on a daily basis are a big part of this course.

Megan, OB

Courses: Russian, Mathematics and Further Mathematics



Want to know more?

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Exam Board:
[qualifications.pearson.com](https://www.pearson.com/qualifications)
(Edexcel)



How will I be assessed?

You will sit three papers:

Paper 1

40%

Listening, Reading and Translation

Paper 2

30%

Writing on literary text and film

Paper 3

30%

Speaking

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should gain a good grade at GCSE . You should also be keen to communicate in Russian and want to learn more about the culture of Russia and Russian-speaking countries.