



Calday Grange
Grammar School

Year 12 Pre-Course Material

Faculty	Communication & Creative
Subject	Russian
Entry year	2023

Welcome

Welcome to the Russian department. On these pages you will find:

- background reading suggestions
- details of a pre-course task we would like you to complete before the course starts
- details of subject knowledge enhancement task

We hope you will find this a useful introduction to the course and it gives you the opportunity to gain an insight into this A Level subject.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

Mrs E Borodin

Dear new Y12 course Russian students

Welcome to the A level Russian course rollercoaster...

During the remaining summer holidays we would like you to gear yourself for the new course and get yourself ready for the exciting but challenging studies you have ahead. There are number of ways you can broaden your knowledge and cultural awareness, and the following tasks have been created to help you achieve this. These activities will form the basis of your AS Course knowledge and will be developed further throughout the course. **Enjoy!!!**

Pick at least one or two bullet points from each aspect explore it and get excited for your journey ahead!

Cultural aspect of the course: Explore, be open-minded and inquisitive, develop concerns for other societies, start practising meta-cognition, seeing a bigger picture and alternative perspectives

- 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://rtd.rt.com/films/under-moscow-film-urbex-underground-exploring-tunnels/> - RT documentary channel



EMPATHETIC



META-THINKING

Live language aspect of the course: Practise finding connections in grammar and morphology of words, critical and logical thinking, multi-step problem solving which will help you to complete translation work in future.

- check videos with EASY RUSSIAN <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxvt-g7JsPNnEn8tUtZZBBg> - Real life video with Russian and English subtitles
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklUqFEcJgFnWKEBozw5p4g/videos> - Russian with Max



ANALYSING

Vocab aspect. Resources:

- If you still do not know what this Vocab site entails, you should seriously check it out! <https://www.russianvocab.co.uk/quizlet-resources> - FAB vocab resource, <https://www.russianvocab.co.uk/copy-of-other-vocab-lists> -
- <https://quizlet.com/Burrovski/folders/russian-gcse/sets> - Vocab revision
- Complete the test (for fun) and see where you are with your Russian Grammar https://russificateschool.com/speaking-on-the-phone-beginners-level/?fbclid=IwAR2jI3Az-vUCV00h9H-ZzUZKiQ4jjaS59TIn3vMMFRGrcwV_5ZItH-j7ogI – check Freebies on Russificate
- Check this resource out, might be useful for the course!!! Familiarize yourself with the variety of videos! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCymAc4YKWYjDqNnLoK7m-2A/videos> - set of video courses at Amazing Russian



LINKING

Fun aspect!!!

- Explore the Russian cuisine and cook something at home!!!
- Drop in to any Polish or Latvian food shop and try some food!



CREATING

- Rewatch “Nu pogodi”, “Masha and the Bear” or “Smeshariki”
- Put social media profile and mobile phone settings into Russian. (See Appendix 3)

Enjoy your summer and see you in September.

Успехов и хороших каникул!!

Екатерина Вячеславовна Бородин

[Pre-AS Russian Materials for Summer Study](#)



Appendix 1. Cultural aspect of the course

Pick 3 stories on DIFFERENT aspects of the social life in Russian speaking countries and make some notes.

(i.e. International events, cultural event and youth issues)



Current Affairs Blog – 1st of 3 stories	
News story?	
Date reported?	
Source of information?	
Summary of events? (place, key figures involved etc.)	
Importance on a national scale?	
Importance on an international scale?	




Current Affairs Blog – 2nd of 3 stories	
News story?	
Date reported?	
Source of information?	
Summary of events? (place, key figures involved etc.)	


Importance on a national scale?	
Importance on an international scale?	

Current Affairs Blog – 3rd of 3 stories	
News story?	
Date reported?	
Source of information?	
Summary of events? (place, key figures involved etc.)	
Importance on a national scale?	
Importance on an international scale?	

YouTube ^{GB}




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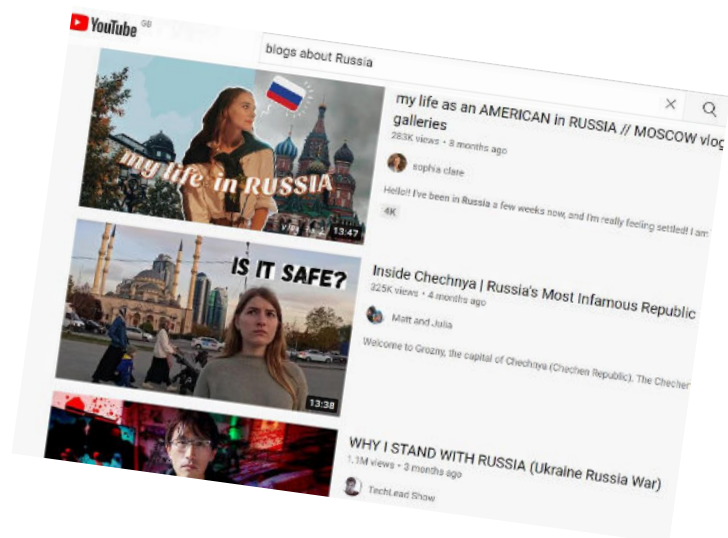


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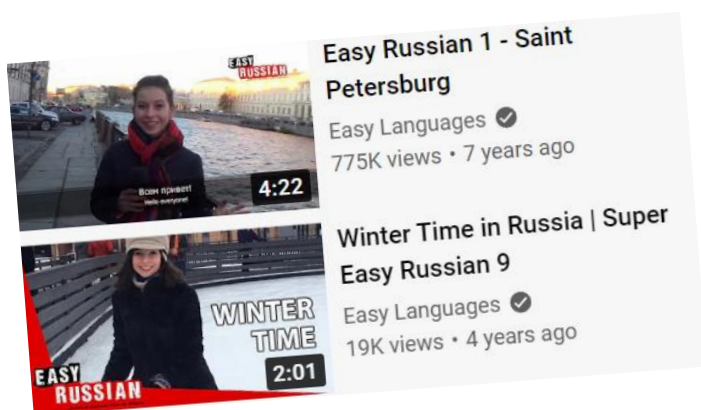


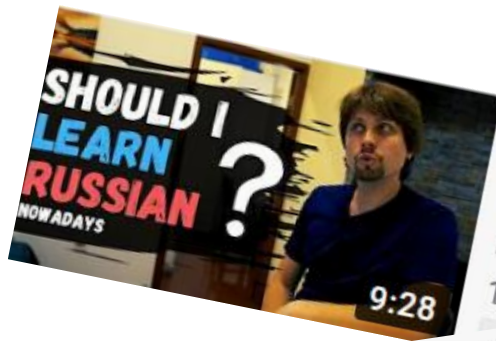
Appendix 2 Live language aspect of the course:



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- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckIUqFEcJqFnWKEBozw5p4g/videos> - Russian with Max
- You can just put into You-tube search “blogs about Russia” and you’ll find lots of things!!!

	Chanel you have visited/ episode	Information/ vocab/ cultural awareness you have picked up from the video
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		





Should I start (continue) learning the Russian language
Russian With Max
12K views · 1 days ago



This Serbian city AMAZED us! - 1 days ago
Learn Russian Vlog
Russian With Max
24K views · 1 month ago

aspect. Resources:



Appendix 3 Vocab



LINKING

Social media and mobile phone - Translate the below using your newly acquired vocabulary
(words taken from an iPhone – if you have another model, you may use www.wordreference.com to help you)

Settings	
Search	
Login	
Password	
Status	
News Feed	
Messages	
Create Group	
Interests	
About	
Comments	
Activity Log	
Updating...	
Mail	
Notifications	
Sounds	
Privacy	

Установка языка	
продолжить	
Входящие	
Изменить	
Поиск	
Не беспокоить	
Заметки	
Напоминания	
Карты	