

Welcome to College

RUSSIAN QUIZ

1. Name any Russian tennis players in the Wimbledon tournament.
2. Who is the President of Russia?
 - a) Vladimir Putin
 - b) Dmitry Medvedev
 - c) Mikhail Gorbachev
3. What is the capital city of Russia?
4. What is the name of the Russian feminist punk rock protest group?
5. Name the traditional Russian musical instrument that looks a bit like a banjo.
6. How many Soviet republics formerly made up the USSR? Can you name any?
7. Who was the last tsar of Russia?
8. What is the name of the famous Russian theatre in Moscow?
9. Which Russian composer wrote the music for the ballet: "The Nutcracker"
 - a) Shostakovich
 - b) Tchaikovsky
 - c) Prokofiev
10. Can you name the monk who had such a profound influence upon the last tsar of Russia and his family?

SUMMER WORK.

Produce a poster on what Russia and Russian represents for you (in English for beginners/Russian for those who have done GCSE)

Complete the Russian quiz

Look at some Russian websites (see list of resources below) and/or collect articles about Russia from newspapers and bring to the first lesson.

Resources for Russian

The main resources which you require are given to you in the form of worksheets in booklets or provided to you on loan during the course. Generally speaking for A level this means photocopied material in booklets (Navigator course) and/or a course book (Ruslan) for GCSE students. Dictionaries are available to you when you are working in college in either the Modern Language rooms or the library, but we recommend that you buy your own for use at home. The Collins Russian-English dictionary (price £15) is recommended.

Useful Websites

Masterrussian

Useful for beginners and AS/A2 level <http://www.masterrussian.com/>

Try the **Ruslan** site for useful information and resources to go with the Ruslan course

<http://www.ruslan.co.uk>

You could also try:

<http://www.languageguide.org/russian/>

<http://www.uni.edu/becker/Russian2.html>

<http://www.alphadictionary.com/rusgrammar/>

Extension:

For general searches, try **Rambler** <http://www.rambler.ru/>

Bear in mind that a category search will sometimes produce better results than key word

For news items, there are several choices. Try first of all the news site of TV channel **PTP Планета** where there is a very useful archive section. <http://www.vesti.ru/>

You could also use the **BBC Russian** site <http://www.bbc.co.uk/russian>

The home page for **Телеканал Россия** <http://www.rutv.ru/> has many interesting sections