



## “Why learn Russian?”

- ✓ Ever increasing links with Russia in today’s world
- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Travel
- ✓ Careers
- ✓ Business
- ✓ A wonderful language, described on some of the posters as:

*“useful” “fun” “easy” “cool”*

*“interesting” “beautiful”*

*“full of surprises” “challenging”*

*“funky” “makes you smile”*

*“different” “amazing” “fab”*

**“the language of the future”**

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## Russian Language Year Posters

Russian has been studied in Britain since the 16<sup>th</sup> century when British merchants travelled to the court of Tsar Ivan the Terrible. It became extremely popular in 1914, when the British were keen to learn Russian in the (short lived) hope of stealing German markets there, and again in the 1950s and 60s.

Nowadays the picture is sadly changed as Russian suffers from the dual pressures of reluctance by many pupils to study any foreign language at all and competition from the newly fashionable Asian languages. However a handful of schools in all sectors still teach Russian and the enthusiasm of their students is evident in the posters on show.

**The Scotland-Russia Forum** is an independent voluntary organisation based in Edinburgh. Founded in 2003, our aim is to promote all forms of contact between Scotland and the countries of the Former Soviet Union and to encourage the study of Russian language and culture.

To celebrate Russian Language Year we held a competition for school age and adult students of Russian, asking them to design a poster on the theme **“Why learn Russian?”** We are exhibiting some of the best entries – and we hope they encourage you to learn Russian!

**For information on where to study Russian locally contact your local authority or university open learning department.**

[www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/postercomp.htm](http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/postercomp.htm)

# EXHIBITION

## Competition winners

### Age 6-11

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Suffield

2<sup>nd</sup> Larisa Lewis

3<sup>rd</sup> Amber Cutler

Highly commended - Kashif Azhar, Amrit Kher, Amy Minshall, Adel Wilson

Commended - Karina Wilson

### Age 12-18

1<sup>st</sup> Philippa Yates

2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Beecham, Laura Leung-How

3<sup>rd</sup> Shivaangee Agrawal, Louise Clare, Helen Fletcher, Melanie Gornall, Laura McCabe, Marie McCabe

Highly commended - Alina Grossman, Abi Karas, Richa Rebbeck

Commended - Hannah Lester, Raegan Shaw

### Over 18:

1<sup>st</sup> Natasha Eggett

2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Martin

3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Kasner

Highly commended - Martin Reid

## Other entries selected for exhibition

Sarah Baker	Angelina Hussain
Louise Barnfather + Rob Brooks-Taylor	Sarah Jones
Halima Begum	Manraj Kaur
Christopher Bose + Luke Merriman	Emily Lagomarsina
Melanie Brill	Katherine Latimer + Callan McMorran
Carmel Brough	Rosie Lawrence
Lisa Brown + Neil Cully	Jennifer Lawton
Luke Buckley	Maggie Lund
Emily Carver	Freddie Onslow
Sushruta Chandraker	Kit Rees
Oliver Cotton + Kieran Reilly	Elizabeth Reid
Naomi Denton	Amy Riley
Natasha Dowdell	David Rogers
Katherine Goldlang	Georgina Rubens
Cecylia Grendowicz	Jemma Small
Victoria C Hale	Celine Tang
Kandisha Hall	Rebecca Webb
Olivia Hodgkiss	Helen Wittwer
	Lily Yacoub

## Schools represented

Balcarras School, Cheltenham	Millbank Primary, Nairn
Broadway School, Birmingham	Nairn Academy
Cator Park School, Kent	North London Collegiate School, Middx
City Technology College, Birmingham	Perse School for Girls, Cambridge
Djanogly City Academy, Nottingham	St Paul's Girls' School, London
Heron Hill Primary, Kendal	Townfield Primary School, Wirral
James Allen's Girls' School, London	West Kirby Grammar School, Wirral
Langholm Academy, Dumfries & Galloway	Wolverhampton Girls' High School
The Latymer School, London	