

Welcome to the Cambridge Russian Spring Weekend - 2019!
ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ В КЕМБРИДЖ НА РУССКИЙ ВЕСЕННИЙ УИКЕНД-2019!



Dear Friends of Russian! Дорогие друзья русского языка!

Following the success of our Cambridge Summer School 2016-2018, we are delighted to invite you to our **Cambridge Russian Spring Weekend 2019**. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore a new, unique, format of an intensive Russian course and combine it with the pleasure of meeting like-minded people in a friendly atmosphere.

- **DATES:** from lunch at **12.00, Friday 29th** – till **13.30, Sunday 31st March, 2019**.
- **SUMMARY:** 13 hours of Russian language tuition in special-interest groups and 6 hours of extra-curricular activities. Experienced tutors, native speakers of Russian. Accommodation and meals are provided.
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** upper intermediate and advanced students of Russian only.
- **VENUE:** **Fitzwilliam College, the University of Cambridge**
 Storey's Way, Cambridge CB3 0DG <https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/>
 Fitzwilliam College is renowned for a long-lasting tradition of Slavonic studies. It is situated a 15 minutes' walk or 5 minutes by bus from Cambridge city centre. The college has comfortable *en-suite* accommodation, a cosy bar and a buttery and ample parking.
- **INFORMATION. In this invitation, you will find:**
 - ✓ **Course Programme (page 2)**
 - ✓ **Course Fees and a link to the Enrolment Form (page 3).**
- **ANY QUERIES? Please contact Marina Burrell** at sterlingscholar2018@gmail.com
- **If you cannot make it this time but wish to register your interest** and receive information about our **Summer School** & future Russian courses for *all levels* in Cambridge, please email us. We guarantee that your name and email address will never be given to any third parties.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambridge at our Russian Spring Weekend 2019!
 Всего самого хорошего! With very warm wishes! *До скорой встречи!*

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RUSSIAN SPRING WEEKEND COURSE PROGRAMME 2019**TUITION: 13 hours in small groups**

You will be offered a wide range of vocabulary, texts and recordings. You will practise your newly acquired (or developed!) knowledge and skills in *each* special-interest area (*see below!*) through participating in a variety of role-plays, games, debates and team tasks, acting as an interpreter at a journalist forum, or as a guide in the art museum, or a chef in the Russian restaurant. By the end, you will create a project with your special-interest team.

We offer the following SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS:

1) Cuisine & Leisure. Relax and chat about such enjoyable pastimes as sports, cooking, gardening, and watching TV. Learn about famous recipes of the Russian cuisine. A spot of grammar home improvement will give your Russian a nice spring cleaning.

2) Prose & Difficulties of Translation. Enjoy meeting your favourite characters from the Russian classical and modern literature – Bunin’s, Bulgakov’s, Dovlatov’s or Tolstaya’s – to answer the eternal Russian questions: *Кому на Руси жить хорошо? Кто виноват? and Что делать?* Crack the problems professional translators come across, like *Пить есть, есть нет.*

3) Visual Arts & Crafts. Revisit famous art collections in the Russian museums. Explore “The Wanderers” and compare them with Russian Avant-garde and Socialist Realism. Try the role of an auctioneer at the Russian sales to identify the best-selling modern Russian painter. Discover the world of folk crafts from Sergiev Posad and Dymkovo.

4) History & Current Affairs. Discover some secrets from the Russia’s past and relate them to the present. Compare the interpretation of current affairs in the British and Russian media. Try the role of a journalist or an interpreter at a political debate, and write your comments on a Russian forum.

5) Poetry & Creativity. Discover what makes Russian poetry so powerful and captivating. Enjoy the beautiful sound, music and imagery of Russian verses from Pushkin to Brodsky. Listen to the poets’ own voices, and guess who is who. Explore Russian rhymes and discuss different approaches to poetry translation. Have a go at translating or creating a poem of your own.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: 6 hrs

- ✓ **Talk “The Mysteries of the Russian Church”** by David Taylor (*in English*). The presenter is a retired Baptist Minister who has been visiting Russia regularly over the past 25 years. He has a first-hand experience in teaching at various churches and Bible schools as well as meeting other priests in the Orthodox Church.
- ✓ **Quiz night** (*in Russian, with English translation*). You prepare questions on your favourite topic at home as well as in your selected Interest Group. The winners get prizes!
- ✓ **The Final Show** (*in Russian*). Each Interest Group prepares a 20-minute presentation with their tutor. You are also welcome to demonstrate your skills individually.

ENROLMENT

This course is aimed at the students of upper intermediate and above levels of the Russian proficiency. In order to book the course, could you please **by Monday 21 January 2019**:

- ✓ complete the online [ENROLMENT FORM Cambridge Russian Spring Weekend 2019](#) and
- ✓ pay a **non-refundable deposit of £70** at the time of booking.

Please note the places are allocated on a first-come – first-served basis, so it may be advisable to book earlier rather than later. We expect the **balance of fees to be paid by 28th February 2019**.

COURSE FEES

The fees are *per person* for the whole course, including:

- 19 hrs Tuition & Extra-curricular activities
- Meals & refreshments
- Accommodation (if booked).

For students under 21 in full-time education we offer a 15% discount.

| | FULL: | DISCOUNTED: |
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| ✓ NON-residential (including lunches & dinners): | £210 | £180 |
| ✓ Residential (full-board <i>en-suite</i> single room): | £350 | £300 |

PAYMENT

You can pay the **deposit (by 21 January 2019)** and **full fees (by 28 February 2019)**:

- ✓ **By electronic bank transfer** to the following account (*preferable*):
 - Name: Cambridge Sterling Scholar
 - Bank: Lloyds Bank
 - Sort code: 30-90-89
 - Account No: 39 42 40 68
 - Reference: YOUR FULL NAME
- ✓ **By cheque** payable to: Cambridge Sterling Scholar
 - Sent to: Mr Robin Spratt
 - Address: Flat 1, Longthorpe House, Longthorpe House Mews, Peterborough PE3 9TL.

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