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BA (Hons) in Russian with Czech - University of Bristol

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I have always had a passion for languages, and I always knew my profession would somehow be linked to them. After studying French, Spanish, and Latin at school, I decided to take up Slavic languages and in particular, Russian.

While studying Russian at university, I took credits in an introductory course to TEFL, which encouraged me to consider a profession in teaching. Upon graduating university, I moved to Moscow, Russia to begin my teacher career for nine months, but ended up staying for almost five years!

During my career in Russia and the UK, I have taught a wide range of courses from the academic Cambridge exams (KET to CPE), IELTS to Business English (BEC) and English for specific purposes. I have run courses in international corporations (in particular, energy corporations), university (Moscow State University), private and state schools.

I have been working for Newbury Hall since January 2017 as a teacher/tutor, not only supporting students in their studies within and towards the British education system, but also promoting fundamental British values (FBV) as well as their spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. Along with the close-knit team of teachers and staff at the school, I participate in running the Intensive Exam Skills and Intensive Academic Literacy programmes.

In addition, I have taught and examined Russian-language GCSE and A level, as well as offering Russian-language support to individuals, as required.

In my free time, you will probably find me reading books on languages, studying languages, travelling or running in amateur competitions.