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Our Principal

Aina Mammeva is a qualified mathematics teacher who studied Economics and Management at the Labour Polygraphy Institute in Moscow. After successfully establishing her first Russian school in Dubai, she moved to the UK in 1999, resolving to dedicate herself to the creation of an educational establishment that integrates British and Russian education systems and teaching styles.

Today, Aina has been able to open many Russian schools across London and she remains closely involved in the running of these schools, ensuring their continued success. And, Aina served as the Chair of the Russian Community Council in the UK for seven years and continues to organise many charity events in London, as well as supporting Russian institutions globally.

“Our aim is to ensure that every student aboard our program leaves us equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence necessary to tackle future challenges”

“The achievements of our previous students are a testament to Znaniye’s dedication and its profound impact”

– Aina Mamaeva, Principal

After fifteen years, Znaniye’s flag is still hoisted high, as it continues to navigate its students through their educational journey by providing them with the right way to success.
We have been awarded the NRCSE Gold Distinction Award
About

Transcribed from ‘knowledge’ from Russian, Znaniye Russian School is a leading independent provider of Supplementary Education for children from Pre-school up to A-Level.

Since its establishment in 2003, Znaniye has been driven by the desire to provide unique and dynamic linguistic education to students.

With over 350 students enrolling with us each year and operating from 5 locations in London, Znaniye provides its students with the educational materials and skills that are required to successfully learn about Russian language and culture.

Znaniye offers various services for both native and non-native speakers, including: bespoke private tuition for children and adults, psychologist consultations, and connecting parents to Russian-speaking nannies and babysitters.

Student training also includes: Russian language and grammar practice, speech and reading development, mathematics courses, as well as drama, acting, dance, fashion and art classes.

Znaniye is registered with OFSTED and is a registered examination centre for EDEXCEL GCSE and A-Level exams. Znaniye is also the first Supplementary school in the UK to have received the Quality Framework Special Distinction Award.
Courses

We work with children between the ages of 3-19, from Pre-School to A-Level. We start with teaching the alphabet and continue to build the students’ language and grammar until they are ready to sit Edexcel-accredited GCSE and A-Level examinations.

Pre-School
Our Pre-School is comprised of four different ability levels, so that children can be placed in a classroom best suited to their needs. Pre-School focuses on interactive engagement with the fundamentals of language: auditory learning, focus on letter-to-letter, and grasping words as a whole. We incorporate a mixed methodology informed by psychologists and speech therapists.

GCSE
This course prepares students to sit the GCSE examinations at Znaniye, as we are an Edexcel accredited school. Students can, however, opt to take the Russian GCSE exam at their own school but prepare for it with us.

Primary
This course includes: a study of Russian language, literature, reading, development of speech, as well as understanding elements of Russian culture and history.

A-Level
This is a 2-year course to prepare students for the AS exam which takes place at the end of the first year, and the A2 exam at the end of the second. Russian A-Level can be taken with or without previous Russian Examinations in GCSE level. Prior to taking the exams, Znaniye offers mock examinations and feedback to prepare students as much as possible.

Private Tuition
Families may opt for this type of teaching if they prefer a one-on-one teaching style and are unable to attend weekend classes. We do, however, encourage students to attend weekend schools as this allows for group work, which we have found to be a more dynamic and interactive learning experience.

Consultations
Students who do not study at Znaniye but would like to assess their level of Russian, or prepare for examinations or university entrance exams, can request consultations with our staff to assess their level of Russian language. Our consultants will be able to offer advice regarding books to read, materials to study, and will offer techniques for improving their Russian language.

“Znaniye helped me learn Russian up to A-Level and now I study Russian at the University of St Andrews” – Danya (London), student
100% A-A* pass rate in Edexcel exams
Teaching and Learning

We ensure that our students get the most out of an education at Znaniye with experienced teachers, small classes, regular assessments and monitoring, and an emphasis on home study.

Experienced Teachers

All teachers are highly qualified, having achieved degrees from Russian and British institutions and having undertaken training at world-famous institutions such as RUDN Moscow University and the Institute of Pushkin. The teachers are chosen not only for their extensive experience, but also for their sympathetic approach to students. We are therefore able to provide the attention necessary for students remain actively engaged in the learning process and to bring out their natural curiosity. Znaniye is so widely sanctioned that we also act as a training centre for other Russian-speaking schools across Europe and the UK.

Small Classes

Parents and students choose Znaniye because of the high level of teaching and the focus we place on each student as an individual, with classes exceeding no more than 10 students for every teacher. Pre-school classes also have supervisors and teaching assistants in the classroom. This means that teachers are able to tailor their classes to suit the pace and ability of their students, allowing each student to actively engage in the curriculum. Students also find that the small classroom size fosters a close-knit environment that is conducive for forming strong bonds with tutors and close friendships with classmates.

Assessments & Monitoring

We regularly assess and monitor progress in order to maintain standards and develop our processes. Assessments are also a useful indication to our parents on the progress of their children. This includes tests, regular homework, attendance, individual feedback and one-to-one parent-teacher meetings twice a year, with parents always welcome to contact the school staff or administration team with any queries about their child’s progress and well-being.

Home Study

Due to our school running only for four hours a week, we place a great emphasis on homework. We therefore provide students with plenty of material for home studies, and encourage families to continue Russian education outside the classroom on a daily basis.

“Znaniye offered me a fresh learning approach and the individual tuition really improved my grammar” – Alim (University of Sussex), student
Teaching and Learning

We use a distinctive curriculum, premier learning materials and varied learning techniques to promote the most dynamic learning experience for our students.

Distinctive Curriculum

By working closely with world-renowned Russian institutions, we maintain high teaching standards. Znaniye has developed a system by which traditional Russian teaching can be incorporated into the British educational model, which leads to many of our A-Level students achieving university places at top-tier institutions.

Our classes allow students to:
- Develop the ability to use Russian language effectively in a practical setting
- Boost learner’s confidence through grammar, language and pronunciation workshops
- Encourage intellectual curiosity through stimulating activities
- Broaden the student’s understanding of Russian culture, with an additional focus on performance and the arts
- Allow for many feedback opportunities through practice, assessments and individual training

Study Techniques

We ensure that study techniques are fully integrated into teaching, such as note taking, critical thinking, memory skills and time management – exceeding the skills taught in many other Supplementary Schools.

“Znaniye’s teaching approach was really accessible and I always felt very supported by the staff” – Tim (University of Leicester), student

Premier Learning Materials

We select the most advanced and interactive learning materials that are available. We have also spent many years creating a textbook of our own and, in partnership with leading universities across Russia, will begin to release them soon.
Russian for Adults

Znaniye has two services available for adults who are looking to improve their spoken and written Russian: Evening Classes and an Express Russian course, both taught in the city.

Evening Classes
These are open to all levels of Russian.
These classes help to:

- Develop the student’s ability to use Russian language effectively in a practical setting
- Allow for many feedback opportunities through regular assessments and individual training
- Boost learner’s confidence through grammar, language and pronunciation workshops

Express Russian
Travelling to Russia?
Znaniye can prepare you with one, or maybe more, of our Express Russian sessions. These courses are bespoke and tailored to your needs and to the purpose of your travel. The course not only improves linguistic ability, but also helps to develop an understanding of Russian culture and business practice.

“The Express Russian course helped me learn enough Russian that I’m able to communicate competently with clients”
– Max, Sales Associate
We take pride in providing a well-rounded education.
Our teachers are endorsed by prestigious institutions
Extracurricular Activities

We provide a wide range of extracurricular activities for our students in order to develop their communication skills in Russian, whilst also helping with their teamwork and strategic skills.

Graduation Ceremony

Every year, in November, we hold a graduation and awards ceremony for current students, staff and those who have finished their examinations. Live music, performances and guest speakers are present at this event that gives us the opportunity to celebrate our students, parents and staff. The event has been hosted at exciting locations across London, including the House of Commons, the Russian Embassy, the Mayor’s office and Kensington Council, and has been attended by guests such as the Russian Ambassador, Members of Parliament, Lords, Mayors and other friends, guests and sponsors of Znaniye. We warmly invite all students to attend.

Sports Competitions

On a number of occasions, our students have travelled to Moscow to participate in sports competitions, representing the UK and Znaniye. These competitions bring together Russian-speaking students from all around the world, fostering enthusiasm for Russian language and culture. We also organise a family sports day every Summer, which is supported by Rossotrudnichestvo.

“Znaniye offered me a range of extracurricular activities which gave me a really broad and fun learning experience” – Sarah (UCL), student
Extracurricular Activities

At Znaniye, we believe that an understanding of Russian culture is an integral part of learning the Russian language. So, we decided to provide art and drama classes, as well as facilitating entry to cultural events throughout the year.

Cultural Events
Znaniye aims to involve its students in cultural events, particularly Russian-related ones, all across London. We have taken part in events such as Maslenitsa, Russian Winter Festival, Newham Festival, Ealing Borough Festival, KVN at the Hammersmith Apollo and the Sochi Olympic Park in 2013. As part of our devotion to Russian culture, we celebrate both traditional and modern Russian holidays. Students often prepare performances for guests and parents during events, including Victory Day, International Women’s Day and New Year.

Art Classes
As part of our cultural integration, Znaniye has a great art department which acts as a crucial part of the cultural curriculum because it broadens their outlook and fosters a sympathetic attitude to other cultures and traditions. We, therefore, have art studios available to students for use after school.

Drama Classes
Drama classes take place at the Stratford branch. They are one hour long and welcome students of all ages. These classes are a wonderful opportunity for students to develop confidence in spoken Russian, as well as performance training.

“This summer the students have been taken to ARTEK Summer Camp, a complimentary experience to reward them for all their hard work”
– Lena, Znaniye teacher
An education with Znaniye is an investment in your future