

Dear (German) language friends and colleagues,

As we're nearing the end of the school year, here's our roundup of upcoming language competitions for school-age learners. Keep your students challenged - and have some language fun at the same time!

Competitions in order of approaching deadline:

1. The Stephen Spender Prize 2018 for poetry in translation - in association with the Guardian

Deadline: 6 July 2018

This lovely annual prize is awarded for the translation of a poem in ANY language into English. Three age categories: 19-and-over, 18-and-under, 14-and-under (on closing date of 6 July 2018).

Lesson plans and activities are available for schools for poems in: French, German, IsiNdebele, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish. Many of the resources also come with versions to support students without specific language skills.

The "Polish Spotlight" is a new strand of the Stephen Spender Prize for 2018, with entries in three categories: 18-and-under, 14-and-under and 10-and-under. You do not have to be fluent in Polish to enter the prize: it is open to all those interested in trying their hand at translation. Resources for teachers to introduce poetry translation as a classroom activity, and suggestions of Polish poems for translation, are free to download.

Polish Spotlight details:

http://www.stephen-spender.org/polish_spotlight.html

Stephen Spender prize (poetry translations from any language): http://www.stephen-spender.org/spender_prize.html

[The Stephen Spender Prize](#)

www.stephen-spender.org

Are you interested in using poetry translation in the classroom or looking for some guidance about translating poetry? Read some general notes on translating poetry, consider the judges' advice to those thinking of entering the Stephen Spender Prize, see George Szirtes' categories of translated poetry, download our poetry translation activity ...

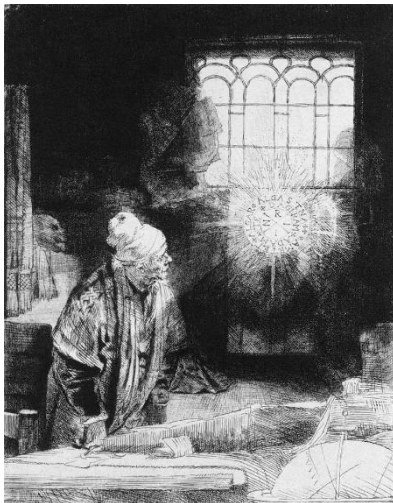
2. A German Classic: Schiller's *Maria Stuart* - An Essay Prize for Sixth-Formers

Deadline: 12 September 2018

Our very own competition! Open to Sixth-Form students currently in L6/Year 12/S5, and involves engaging with one of the most fascinating plays in German literature and one that is often considered to be the epitome of Weimar Classicism: Friedrich Schiller's *Maria Stuart*.

For submission in mid-September of Upper Sixth (equivalent to Year 13 or S6 in Scotland). Participants are not expected to have prior experience of studying German literature.

Details: <http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/content/german-classics-prize>



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Why a German Classic Prize? Jonathan Gaisman The Oxford German Network is grateful to Jonathan Gaisman, whose generous donation has made this prize possible.

3. Writing and video competition: Auf deutschen Spuren - In the footsteps of German language culture

Joint competition by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) and the Institute of Modern Languages Research (IMLR).

Deadline: 5 October 2018

Open to:

- students at secondary schools/ Sixth Form Colleges/ universities - any level
- German mother tongue speakers and
- anybody else who feels up to the challenge!

Entries can be by single authors or groups of contributors.

Make a short video (no longer than three minutes), accompanied by a script (written version of spoken words in the video). Judges will be looking for creativity and language use - rather than technical ability. In other words, any learner of German can participate.

Details:

<https://www.daad.org.uk/en/2018/05/23/daad-imlr-competition-2018-launched/>

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[DAAD/IMLR competition 2018 launched - daad.org.uk](https://www.daad.org.uk/en/2018/05/23/daad-imlr-competition-2018-launched/)

www.daad.org.uk

To all Learners and Lovers of German, – it's time again to release your creative spirit and enter the annual writing DAAD/IMLR writing competition!

As ever, we're always pleased to hear from you. Please email ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk, visit our website and find us on social media (links below).

We greatly value your interest in our newsletter. We will only ever contact you about (German) language-related content. Of course, you can unsubscribe any time via the attached link.

The direct link to join our Network of German teachers and subscribe to occasional emails with updates from the world of German learning and teaching is:
<http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/german-survey>.



[Joining up German Teaching in the UK - Oxford German Network](http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk)

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In response to the major changes underway in the area of language teaching, the Oxford German Network has launched the project Joining Up German Teaching in the UK. We hope that you will be interested in becoming

involved, and that you can find the time to answer a few questions below.

Mit vielen lieben Grüßen

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