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Oxford German Olympiad 2021, Round 2: Tasks and Guidelines

Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Thursday, 11 March 2021

Entries should be submitted via the online form at https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/form?id=ogn-olympiad-2021-round2. Please note that we cannot accept postal or email entries. Entries received by post, by email or after the deadline will not be considered.
Any queries or questions should be directed to the Olympiad Coordinator at olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk.

Prize: The winner will be awarded a cash (bank transfer) prize (see individual tasks for amount) and invited to a prize-giving ceremony at the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, in June 2021, Covid lockdown measures permitting. The winning entries for the Sophie Scholl tasks will also be featured on the White Rose Project website.

1. Entries should be the work of the entrant alone. Any additional assistance given by teachers or others should be noted in the space provided in the submission form.
2. Entrants must be resident in the United Kingdom or Ireland.
3. Entrants must enter the competition individually. Entries from more than 1 person will not be considered.
4. Please note that we cannot accept postal or e-mail entries. Entries received after the deadline at 12 noon on Thursday 11 March 2021 will not be considered.
5. Files must be named in the following way:
   CompetitorSurnameCompetitorInitialOGO2021
   (e.g. BloggsJOGO2021). Note that correct file naming is the responsibility of the entrant.
6. Entries should be submitted in one of the following formats only:
   - Microsoft Word document
   - PDF
7. Every submission (apart from Camden House Book Proposal) must include a completed Olympiad Teacher Form (see last page of this document or https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/uploads/ogn-olympiad-2021-teacher-form.pdf). If no teacher form can be supplied, please send an email to olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk with the subject line 'Olympiad Teacher Form' providing an explanation. Any questions should be sent to the OGN Coordinator at olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk.

THE TASKS

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Die "Goldenen Zwanziger Jahre": Wird sich die Geschichte im 21. Jahrhundert wiederholen?
Competition open to pupils in years 10 to 13
Prize: £100

Task:
A deadly pandemic, the rise of right-wing ideologies, political instability, financial crises. There are interesting parallels between the beginning of the 20th and the 21st century. In the twenties of the last century, Germany (like many Western countries) experienced a period of economic prosperity and cultural dynamism dubbed "Die goldenen zwanziger Jahre" ("The roaring twenties"). Do you think history will repeat itself this century?

Write a blog post or essay (max. 350 words) explaining your view.

Sophie Scholl - Comic or Graphic Novel
Competition open to pupils in years 10 and 11 (age 14-16).
Prize: £100. The winning entry will also be featured on the White Rose Project website.

Task: Create a comic or short graphic novel in German telling the story of Sophie Scholl (max. 4 sides of A4).

You can find out more about Sophie Scholl on the White Rose Project website.

The competition will be judged by members of The White Rose Project. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Sophie Scholl - Letter
Competition open to pupils in years 12 and 13 (age 16-18)**.**
Prize: £100. The winning entry will also be featured on the White Rose Project website.

Task: Write a letter in German telling the story of Sophie Scholl's life and/or legacy (max. 300 words). The letter can be addressed to anyone you choose.

The competition will be judged by members of The White Rose Project. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Camden House Book Proposal
Competition open to Postgraduate Students of German currently studying at a British or Irish university, and Early Career Researchers who completed their doctoral degree at a British or Irish university no more than 3 years prior to the date of entry
Prize: £250

Camden House was founded in 1979 and has become a driving force in the publication of scholarly books on German and Austrian literature and culture for English-speaking readers. The imprint of the British/American publisher Boydell and Brewer is committed to fostering high-quality research across the period spectrum from the Middle Ages to contemporary culture and presenting this in appealing books that are written in a clear and accessible style.

Task:
The competition invites participants to write a book proposal on a topic in the field of German literature and/or film that will make a successful and important book and that fits the profile established by Camden House in German studies. For books published by Camden House see: https://boydellandbrewer.com/camden-house.

Each submission should consist of the following, in English:
1. A contents page giving the title and chapter headings (1 side of A4)
2. A description of the book (maximum of 300 words). It should be written so that, while appropriate for an expert, it is readily comprehensible to a well-educated non-specialist and indeed draws such a reader in. As such, it is important that it first establish the context and importance of the topic before going into what the book does with it.

The competition will be co-judged by members of the Oxford German Network and Camden House. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The winning book proposal will be considered for publication by Camden House, subject to the standard process of peer review.

OLYMPIAD TEACHER FORM

Thank you for encouraging your pupils to take part in the Oxford German Olympiad. Each entrant (or, for groups, the nominated entrant) must upload a completed Olympiad Teacher Form.

For individual entries

Full name of student entering the prize: ....
- The entrant has been learning German for .... years

For group entries (2+ entrants)

Full name of nominated entrant:
....
- The entrants in the group have been learning German for.............. to ....years.

Teacher

Full name: …..
Job title: ....
School name: ....
School address: ....
Email address: ....

Teacher's statement – please tick as appropriate:

◯   The assignment has been completed by the student(s) without any additional help from staff.

◯   The student(s) was/were given the following assistance by staff:

The information you have supplied will be held by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, University of Oxford for the purpose of administering the competition. It will be held securely and will not be passed on to any third parties. Your details will be deleted from our records once the competition and associated events have finished. You have the right to request it be deleted sooner by emailing us at olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk or writing to us at Oxford German Network, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us at ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk

Signature..   Date....................

PRIVACY POLICY

When you submit your entry, you will see a link to the privacy policy for outreach activity at the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, University of Oxford. When you submit an entry to the competition you provide us with some personal data, which allows us to process your submission. Please tick the box on the submission page to confirm you have read the privacy policy and consent to your data being used in this way. If you are under the age of 13, please discuss this with your parent or guardian.

HEAT agreement

The Oxford German Olympiad is part of the University of Oxford's outreach activity, which means that it is part of a programme of activities the university undertakes with schools to increase knowledge about Higher Education and to widen access. As part of this outreach activity, we collect some personal data and record it in the Higher Education Access Tracker ('HEAT'). The University of Oxford uses the HEAT service and database (www.heat.ac.uk) to record information about its outreach activities and the students who take part in these activities. HEAT helps us identify which activities are most helpful in preparing students for higher education and progressing to employment. HEAT is, or may be, used by different parts of the University, including colleges, faculties, departments or administrative units, as well as by other entities associated with the University. When you submit your entry to the Olympiad you will see a link to the HEAT agreement, which gives full details of how your data may be stored and used. If you are comfortable with our recording your personal details in HEAT, please tick the appropriate box. This is entirely optional and whether or not you agree has no bearing on the outcome of the competition, nor on University admissions. If you are under the age of 13, please discuss this with your parent or guardian.