Dear German teacher,

First of all, a warm welcome to our OGN partner teachers – we've added you to our German teachers email list, and we hope you will enjoy our occasional newsletter with news, views and updates from the world of German teaching. Feel free to pass this on to any interested parties, and for any would-be new subscribers, the link to register is <u>http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/german-survey</u>. Of course, should you feel that this is not for you, you'll find an unsubscribe link as part of this email too.

Today's newsletter then brings you details and dates for your diary regarding some upcoming exciting competitions:

1. The OGN Olympiad - two rounds, two deadlines!

Round One (deadline: noon, Monday 2 March 2015)

The theme this year is 'Von Pop bis Poesie - Poetry and Music', open to years 5-13 (age 9-18).

Download the Olympiad flyer here:

http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/ogo2015_poppoesie_flyer.png You can find full details of the contest and the guidelines for the competition categories here:

http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/olympiad_2015_full_guidelines.pdf Winners will be announced in May 2015.

Round Two (deadline: noon, 3 April 2015)

Open to students of all age groups up to Year 13/age 18 years.

- a) Eine Deutsche Bahnreise design a tour of the Rheinland and win a tour of the Rheinland! Sponsored by Deutsche Bahn and the German Youth Hostel Association. Click here to find out more: <u>http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/content/eine-deutsche-bahnreise</u>
- b) Networking in German send us your idea for a networking activity that will provide an enjoyable and effective German learning experience and win an iPad mini! Sponsored by SAP. Click here to find out more: http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/networking-in-german
 - 2. UK German connection two programmes, one deadline! Deadline for both: Tuesday 10 March 2015

Do you have pupils who are interested in going to Germany this summer? UK-German Connection has two fantastic courses that might be of interest to them. There is also an opportunity for teachers to act as group leaders.

Programme One: German Pupil Courses

These two-week courses are part-funded and are for pupils in Year 12 (Eng & Wal)/S5 (Scot)/Year 13 (NI), or Year 10 (Eng & Wal)/S3 (Scot)/Year 11 (NI).

Participants travel in groups of 12 with a UK teacher acting as group leader, and the programme includes language lessons, trips and excursions, cultural activities and a stay in local host families. Further details and the online application are available at: <u>http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc</u>

Programme two: German Scholarships Programme

This is a free four-week programme for excellent students of German in Year 12 (Eng & Wal)/S5 (Scot)/Year 13 (NI), fully funded by the German Foreign Ministry. Pupils travel through Germany in international groups, and the programme includes a stay with a host family, cultural activities and visits to famous German cities. Further details and the application form are available at: http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/scholarships

As ever, we're always pleased to hear your feedback and comments. For any questions regarding the Oxford German Olympiad please email <u>ong@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk</u>

, and also check out our website http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/ and face book page https://www.facebook.com/OxfordGermanNetwork .

Alles Gute und viel Glück für die diversen Wettbewerbe wünscht

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