

Poetry competition for school pupils 2025

British Council Germany and Berlin's Haus für Poesie are collaborating to host our sixth annual poetry competition for students in grades 6-12 in Germany.

Invitation

Participants can showcase their creative writing skills in English or German while engaging with contemporary English-language poetry.

This year's theme is 'Gratitude'.

The judging panel includes internationally acclaimed spoken word artist Francesca Beard, and Head of Poetic Education at Haus für Poesie, Karla Montasser.



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The task

Pupils should write a poem in English or German on the theme of 'Gratitude' responding to the work 'Give thanks' by Francesca Beard, which can be downloaded as a pdf via the link below. Poems must be submitted as text and can also be submitted as a video. The submission deadline is 4 May 2025 at 18:00 Central European Summer Time.

More details

Full details including eligibility criteria, competition rules and prizes are available via the link.

