

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

Description for teachers

The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators is a brand new competition for MFL learners aged 11-18. The scheme is inspired by the life and work of the great translator Anthea Bell. It aims to promote language-learning across the UK and to inspire creativity in the classroom. By providing teachers with the tools they need to bring translation to life, we hope to motivate more pupils to study modern foreign languages to National 5, Highers and beyond.

In its first year, the prize is for learners of **French, German, Mandarin and Spanish**.

All interested teachers receive teaching packs for the prize, with ready-made resources designed to be used in class, for home learning or for extra-curricular activities.

[Register here](#)

You will receive the three resource packs, on translating poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as soon as you register. **The competition tasks will take place in June**. Entrants will translate a passage from one of the four languages into English, and will also have the opportunity to submit more 'imaginative' translations – a passage from a novel might be reimagined as a short film or comic strip, for example. The teaching resources are available and free to all, but places in the competition are limited.

Bringing more international culture into the classroom is a central aim of the prize, and so all passages – fiction and non-fiction – will be rich in cultural content, and creativity in the translation will be rewarded.

Timeline

September 2020: competition launch with poetry translation teaching packs & introductory video

January 2021: teaching packs for translating fiction distributed

March 2021: teaching packs for translating non-fiction distributed

June 2021: competition tasks completed by **selected** schools

July 2021: regional & national winners selected

September 2021: regional judges (literary translators) hold assemblies at one school in each region, presenting certificates; virtual national award ceremony, including translation workshops for sixth-form winners.