



A-Level German Writing Competition

“Briefe der Hoffnung”: Wer gibt Dir Hoffnung in verhärteten Zeiten?’

- Who gives you hope during difficult times?
- Why does this person inspire you?
- How has their work or life helped you reimagine your place in the world?

These questions are inspired by the book project *anders bleiben. Briefe der Hoffnung in verhärteten Zeiten*, ed. by Selma Wels (2023), in which 21 authors write to the poets, friends, authors, family members, teachers, and artists, who have helped them ‘stay different’ and imagine just futures.

We invite you to write a letter to a German-speaking individual from any time or place, who has influenced your life and given you hope. Share your thoughts, feelings, and what you find inspirational about them in the format of a letter to this person.

Prizes

All participants will be invited to a workshop and prize-giving ceremony at King’s College London in March 2025.

The author of the winning entry will receive a book token and have a submission published in the *Königspost*, the German-language magazine produced by students at KCL, which has a wide circulation among university students and language learners across the UK. Prizes will also be awarded to runners-up.

How to Enter

Entries should be 400-450 words in length and written in German. The topic may be addressed from any angle. Entries will be judged on the basis of content and language.

Entries should be submitted by email, together with the attached form, to lisa.banning@kcl.ac.uk, by 7 March 2025.

Past issues of the *Königspost* can be read online at https://issuu.com/kcl_dllc.