

### **Why my child should learn German (German as a foreign language)**

- German is spoken by over 100 million people world-wide.
- German is the third most commonly taught foreign language world-wide.
- In a global economy a major world language like German will give you a head start.
- The largest population in the EU speaks German.
- Germany is South Africa`s second largest trading partner.
- Germany invests more than R 1 billion per year.
- 600 German companies operate in South Africa and employ more or less 90,000 South Africans.
- 450 German-owned companies employ 65,000 people in South Africa.
- 10% of books published world-wide are in German.
- Learning a language such as German is an essential life skill. It will increase your child`s creativity, problem-solving and provide a greater understanding of people from various backgrounds.

### **Overview of German lessons at DSJ**

#### *Grade 5*

- The learners will be taught German for 15 lessons per week.
- For seven periods a week the students will learn and focus on speaking German, learning and studying new vocabulary as well as encounter cultural aspects of German everyday life. This takes place in small groups of 12-14 pupils.(DaF-Modul).
- For the 8 remaining periods the learners are instructed as an entire class. The focus of those core lessons is placed on the essential, basic grammatical structures, the practise of dialogues as well as on reading and writing short texts in German.
- You will find advice on how to assist your child`s learning by clicking onto the link "How to set up a vocab box and learn vocab effectively"/ "Lernen mit der Vokabelbox"

*Grade 6*

- The learners will be taught German for 12 lessons per week.
- For five periods a week the students will learn and focus on speaking German, learning and studying new vocabulary as well as encounter cultural aspects of German everyday life. This takes place in small groups of 12-14 pupils.(DaF-Modul).
- For the seven remaining periods the learners are instructed as an entire class. The focus of those core lessons is placed on the essential, basic grammatical structures, the practise of dialogues as well as on reading and writing short texts in German.
- To reinforce the learning of vocabulary the parents should support their child by using “Vokabelbox” (see above).