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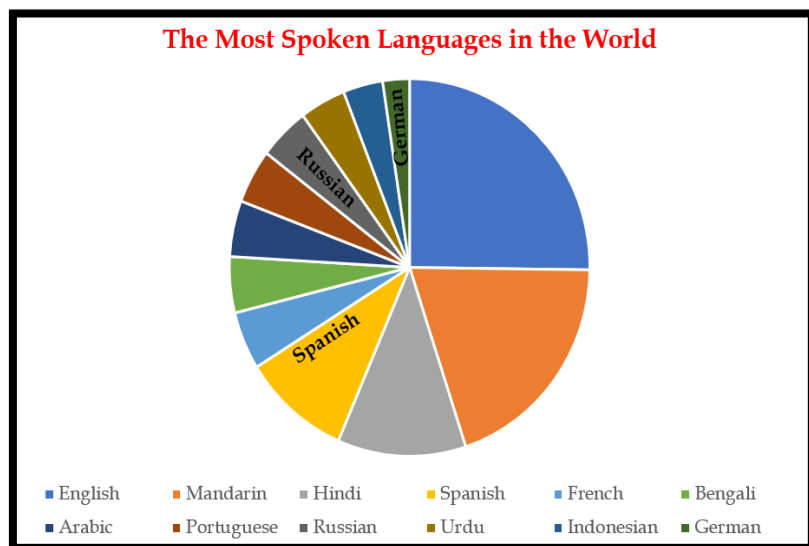
**German as a Second language**

Dear Parents,

The continual globalization of the world's economy is bringing diverse cultures and communities into more frequent contact with each other. From the corporate marketplace to the individual consumer, from the pre-schools to universities, the world community has become integrated and interdependent. *Linguistic competence and intercultural expertise* have become two of the most relevant and necessary abilities that children must hone in order to develop well-rounded personalities as well as secure better employment and leadership opportunities in the modern global economy.

In addition to the United Nations identifying Russian and Spanish as two of its six official languages, statistics carried out by language researchers in 2022 have shown that the most spoken languages in the world include Spanish, Russian and German in addition to French, Hindi, and Urdu which are currently being offered as second language choices at GEMS Legacy School.

German will be offered as a second language and aligned to the CBSE curriculum standards for students from Grade 5 up to Grade 10 and can be continued as a Language Elective in Grades 11 and 12.



The benefits of learning a second language are manifold, including greater academic achievement, greater cognitive development, a positive attitude towards other languages, a new perspective of other cultures as well as an enhanced skill set for the workplace.

Some salient features of German as a second language are described below:

## German

- **The second-most prevalent language in Europe after English.**
- **University Access** - Learning the language is an essential component of getting admitted to, and thriving in some high-end German universities that list in the top 100 institutions in the world, based on the Academic Ranking of World Universities.
- **Economic Power** - Germany has the largest economy in Europe, the fourth largest GDP in the world and 28 companies on the Fortune 500. By studying in Germany, students gain connections and life skills that may eventually allow them to become part of the workforce of one of the most powerful economies in the world.
- **Easy Transition for English Speakers** - English and German both have the same Proto-Germanic linguistic origins. Many words in English are taken or adapted from German. In fact, some of the grammar rules are shared between the two languages.

Keeping this in mind, GEMS Legacy School has decided to expand the range of second languages that it offers to its students in the following academic year. The attached link for the survey invites parents and students to express their interest in the selection of a preferred second language to study.

Second Language Interest Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/OVjTKXEU2H>

Warm regards,



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