



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

No. 2/2021-22

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Dear Gaesdonckers,

After our boarders and day boarders had already arrived on Tuesday and we had started the school year on Wednesday morning with a joint church service on our Marmorplatz, we were finally able to welcome our new Sextans to our Gaesdonck school and boarding community on Wednesday evening.

Despite a somewhat smaller circle than usual due to the pandemics and a Gaesdonck "Big Band" shrunk to two people, it was a beautiful, festive evening. As the highlight of the celebration, the Sextans of the school year 2021/2022 - like many generations of pupils for decades before them - finally planted "their" annual tree in the monastery garden.



So our school family is complete again and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students and their parents who have joined us.

As a boarding school, we are particularly pleased that the interest in our two boarding school forms has once again increased this year. **We sincerely wish all students, old hands and newcomers alike, a good, successful and, above all, healthy school year!**

Class council meetings

Class guardianship meetings will be held on **Sunday 29/08/2021 at 5:00pm.**

- Parents of pupils in the **Juvenat** (Sexta and Quinta) meet in the respective classrooms in the Juvenat.

For all other classes, the following room layout applies:

- **Quarta:**
 - 7 a: German 1 (ground floor, main building)
 - 7 b: English 1 (basement, main building)
 - 7 c: Geography (upper floor, main building)
- **Lower tertia:**
 - 8 a: German 2 (ground floor, main building)
 - 8 b: English 2 (basement, main building)
 - 8 c: Mathematics 1 (upper floor, main building)
- **Upper tertia:**
 - 9 a: German 4 (basement, main building)
 - 9 b: Physics (upper floor, main building)
 - 9 c: Spanish (basement, main building)
- **Lower Secondary:**
 - 10 a: Latin 2 (ground floor, main building)
 - 10 b: Religion 1 (ground floor, main building)
 - 10 c: Biology 1 (upper floor, main building)
 - 10 d: Project room (basement. Main building)
- **Upper Secondary (EF):** Assembly Hall
- **Lower Primary (Q1):** Stucksaal (refectory)
- **Upper Primary (Q2):** Language Centre

Please observe the 3-G rule. We also need to prepare seating plans for the rooms listed above based on our hygiene concept.

Masks are compulsory indoors.

School council meeting

The elected chairpersons of the respective class and year group representative bodies will meet directly after the class representative body meetings for the first meeting of the school representative body, also on **Sunday, 29.08.2021, at 18:00** in the Language Centre.

Staff notifications from our boarding houses

With the new school year, several new faces are joining our boarding houses this year, and we would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome them:

- Mrs **Iris Dahmen** took over responsibility for House Michael as boarding school teacher at the beginning of the school year.
- As of 6 September 2021, we welcome Mrs **Lena de Groot** as the new responsible boarding school teacher at House Kapitol. Until then, the head of the boarding school, Mr Gysbers, will be the reference person for the pupils of the house.

- As of 1 October 2021, Mrs **Anna Hinckers** will take over the management of House Navona as boarding school teacher. Until then, Mrs Sonja Piel will be the reference person for the pupils of the house.
- From now on, Mrs. **Ute Meyer** will also support us as a pedagogical specialist in the night service.
- With the new school year, we also welcome four new young colleagues in the boarding school supervision in the voluntary social year (FSJ):
Ms **Leonie Riedel** (House Orbis)
Ms **Henriette Wischmann** (House Georg/House Navona)
Ms **Ria Heynen** (House Navona)
Mr **Jan Groenewald** (House Tobias/House Kapitol)

We wish all new colleagues much joy in their work here at Gaesdonck and a happy hand in dealing with the children and young people entrusted to us. A warm welcome!

Module courses

To support the main subjects, Gaesdonck is again offering a special module concept that it has developed itself.

From Monday to Thursday, **support modules** are again held in the various main subjects. In small groups the subject teachers help the pupils to work through typical subject-related problems, to deepen existing knowledge, to rediscover forgotten knowledge or to catch up on important learning content that has been missed.

These individual modules take place between two holiday periods. A module course therefore comprises between seven and nine lessons, one hour per week. The courses usually take place online via Microsoft Teams videoconference from Monday to Thursday from 2.35 p.m. - 3.20 p.m. (8th lesson) and from 3.25 p.m. - 4.10 p.m. (9th lesson) - so that the non boarding students can go home as usual after the 6th lesson and participate in the module course from there.

Registration is done online by parents and/or boarding school teachers via the homepage and will be activated in the next few days. So it's worth taking a regular look at the home page.

Annual Programme - Campus activities

In the coming week, the activities in the boarding and day boarding houses will be dominated by getting to know each other in the house community. From Monday, 30.08.2021, the individual annual programme with the qualifying and recreational campus offers will start again. A complete overview can also be found this year in our campus booklet (download [here](#)).

We expect each student of the boarding school and the day boarding school to make a binding decision to take two courses a week, or even more. The duration is usually one school semester, although some offers also extend over the entire school year.

On Sunday evening, 22.08.2021, 18:00 hrs, the [online registration](#) for the respective offers will be activated. Places will be allocated after receipt of the registration. If the registration is successful, you or your child will receive a confirmation by e-mail from Mr. Gysbers.

By the way, a look at the programme is worthwhile for all students, regardless of the type of visit. Some offers can also be taken up by non boarding students. These are indicated accordingly when registering.

Lunch in the refectory

Even though many students are now vaccinated and the whole school community is regularly tested, the cafeteria operation in particular remains a challenge.

In order for this to work well in the given space, a **great deal of mutual consideration** is still necessary:

- **All pupils with free periods**, especially for **boarding pupils**, and, if possible, staff, please make sure to eat **between 12:00 and 13:00**.
- We ask all pupils to limit their stay in the refectory to **as short a period as possible!**
- All students who do not have lessons in the 7th hour, please eat only from 13:30. The kitchen will make sure that there is still enough of everything!

In the hope of a few more warm and beautiful weeks, **additional dining facilities** will again be created in **the outdoor area** next to the refectory over the next few days. Please use them whenever the weather permits!

Bus transport

Currently, our school buses run according to the normal timetable. This unfortunately leads to relatively full buses on some routes, which we would like to avoid in the current situation.

Unfortunately, it is hardly possible to get buses throughout Northrhine-Westphalia at the moment – not least due to the railway construction measures and the associated extensive rail replacement services. Mr Klein is currently working hard to find supra-regional providers in order to be able to put at least some of our Corona supplementary lines back into operation as soon as possible. We will keep you informed.

In this context, please remind your children once again that masks are compulsory on school buses. Thank you very much!

Hiking camp of our scout tribe in the autumn holidays



Experience community and nature.

We would like to recommend the **hiking camp of** our scout tribe during the next autumn holidays. Last year, this special form not only proved itself as a corona-suitable holiday activity, but also as one that clearly promoted good humour among the participating pupils.

For more information on this great initiative, please see the attachment.

KAOA (No graduation without connection)

Finally, we would like to draw the attention of all parents of the **Lower tertia** (grade 8) to the **parents' information evening** on the Potential Analysis on Sunday, 29 August 2021, at 6:30 pm in the assembly hall. You are cordially invited!

*We sincerely wish your children a good start to school.
Stay healthy!*

Dr Markus Oberdörster
Director
School

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Head of Boarding

Scout Hiking Camp

Dear parents, dear pupils,

Twice already our Pentecost camp could not take place. Instead, it was a case of waiting at home for better numbers. As a result, the highlight in the Gaesdonck scout calendar was naturally cancelled. A good alternative to the Pentecost camp is our hiking camp in autumn. The hiking camp had its premiere last autumn despite the pandemic and our scouts found it "good"! So this autumn there will be a new edition. The camp will take place from 11.10.2021 to 15.10.2021.

If interested, registrations are available by sending a short message to kontakt@dpsg-gaesdonck.de. In the registration you will then also find all further details. Of course, we will also answer questions about the hiking camp in this way.

Currently we still have a few free places for the hiking camp. So register quickly!

*Yours/your DPSG
Leadership Circle*



Bei Fragen einfach die
Leiterrunde ansprechen

**2021
WANDER
LAGER**

11.10.2021 - 16.10.2021

ANMELDUNGEN
an kontakt@dpsg-gaesdonck.de oder im Schulbüro

The poster features a collage of black and white photographs showing scouts in various activities: some are sitting at tables under a tent, others are hiking with backpacks, and a group is gathered around a campfire. The text is overlaid on the collage in a bold, sans-serif font.