



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

No. 21-2021/22

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Dear Gaesdonckers,

A letter to parents on Tuesday is indeed a bit out of the ordinary, but we would like to draw your attention to some upcoming dates.

HEUREKA Competition 2021/2022

First, however, we rejoice with numerous pupils from the Sexta to the Quarta who achieved excellent results in this year's pupil competition "HEUREKA! Man and Nature" and who received their well-deserved prizes last week. (Some prize winners were on a class trip and are missing from the photo).



As early as November 2021, a total of 230 Gaesdonck pupils from grades 5 to 7 took part in this competition and faced 45 difficult questions from natural science topics: The questions were about man and his environment, animals and their records, as well as plants. In addition, the weather, chemical and physical phenomena were addressed as well as the topics of technology, energy and progress.

Some may remember the questions "What do you call the young of a whale?", "What is cryptocurrency?" or "In which dustbin does a used handkerchief belong?"

All participants received a certificate and a pack of cards. However, some pupils could look forward to special prizes, which were awarded by Mrs Schleede-Schmalz and Mr Oberdörster on 04 March 2022 during the first big break. A big thank you goes to Mrs Peters for organising the competition.

Special mention must be made of Emil M. and Adrian R. (both Quarta), who achieved **third place in the NRW state ranking** with 156 out of a possible 180 points. Congratulations!

Sick notes

We ask for your understanding: Our telephone lines are still "burning up" in the morning. Therefore, we kindly ask you to report sickness **by e-mail to poststelle@gaesdonck.de or via the [contact form on our website](#)**, if possible. Things are bound to get better again one day; we firmly believe they will!

Pedagogical Conferences next Monday 14 March 2022

Next Monday, 14 March, the Pedagogical Conferences will take place for the second time this school year. For the students, this day is a project day with assigned homework. Therefore, there will be **no face-to-face classes and no day boarding** on Monday.

Arrival at the boarding school will also take place on Monday evening at the usual time (18.00 to 20.00 hrs).

The pedagogical conferences, which take place twice a school year, are to become more and more an important milestone of our pedagogical work on campus. On this day, the teachers and, if applicable, boarding school teachers, take an individual look at each student and, where necessary, define possible next steps on the basis of a learning diagnostic survey (individual development talks, accompanying learning counselling, individual support, etc.).

The conferences for the third quarter, which will take place on Monday, will focus in particular on determining individual development after the half-year reports.

Unfortunately, this date slipped through in our last letter to parents. We hope that the now rather short notice of the day off (but not off work!) will not cause you any major problems.

Guidance days (parent consultation days) on 24 and 25 March 2022

We would like to invite you to the next parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, 24 March, from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. and on the following Friday, 25 March, from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. As always, afternoon classes are cancelled on Thursday. On Friday, students will receive assignments to work on at home as usual (study day). There will be no daytime boarding on either of the advisory days.

In addition to the individual counselling sessions with your child's class and subject teachers, we would like to extend the counselling offer for you on this occasion:

On Thursday, 24.3.2022, Ms van den Boom from the **Employment Agency** will be available to answer your questions from 15.00 to 18.00 hrs.

Also on Thursday, Ms. Fritsch and Mr. Mott from Barmer will give advice on the topic of **health management** from 16:00 to 19:00. The topics are nutrition, drinking habits (e.g. energy drinks) and much more.

It is already a good tradition that our scout tribe not only ensures the physical well-being of all participants on Parents' Day, but also offers an exciting and varied care programme for the children throughout the day. You can find more information in the attachment.

Video presentation on the Upper School on Sunday 20 March 2022

From Sunday 20 March 2022, interested students will be able to access a video presentation with information about the Upper School via Moodle.

Individual consultations are then possible during the above-mentioned consultation days on 24 and 25 March.



Like many of you, we are following the events in Ukraine and the suffering caused by the war of aggression in this country with great bewilderment.

We have started to make preparations for an **initial reception of Ukrainian war refugees** here on the Gaesdonck campus in co-operation with [I.S.A.R. Germany](#), an organisation that we know well through personal contacts and whose staff are directly on the ground in eastern Poland.

It is not yet possible to say in detail whether this will happen and how exactly we can support with our possibilities. Nevertheless, we would like to ask you for your support already today: Should the time come in the next few days and weeks, we will especially need some money for uncomplicated assistance of all kinds (transport services, medication, laundry, etc.). If you would like to support us, you can do so easily via our foundation's account:

Stiftung Collegium Augustinianum Gaesdonck
DKM Darlehenskasse Münster
IBAN DE66 4006 0265 0002 0458 00
Keyword: "Refugee aid Ukraine".

In any case, your contribution goes directly to the people affected. Every cent that we do not need here at Gaesdonck will be forwarded directly to I.S.A.R. Germany. We thank you already today for your support. We will be happy to issue a donation receipt upon request.

In view of the war, the challenges posed by the rising incidence of the Corona pandemic have almost been forgotten. At the same time, it is hitting us at Gaesdonck more and more frequently. Even if we do not see any worrying disease progression: In addition to the daily quarantine reports from students, we unfortunately also have to increasingly buffer periods of illness and quarantine among the staff. We have felt this in the last few days, for example, with the care in the day boarding school of the Juvenat. The remaining colleagues are doing their best to compensate for the absences.

In this sense, too, we wish you: continue to take care of yourself and stay healthy!

Yours sincerely from the Gaesdonck Campus

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Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Head of Boarding School

Appendix: Information from the Gaesdonck Scouts

Parents' Day Action by the Gaesdonck Scouts

In about 2 weeks it will be time for the next parents' consultation day of the scouts. We have again prepared an exciting and varied programme. You can find the key dates of the event in the attached poster. The registration form with all further information is available in print form in the school office or can be downloaded from our homepage. If you have any questions about the campaign or the scouts, please send us an e-mail:

kontakt@dpsg-gaesdonck.de.

"Be Prepared!"

The Leadership Circle



»»« Elternsprechtag-Event

Es ist wieder soweit:

Die Elternsprechtag-Events der Pfadis
starten wieder!

Vom 24.03. bis 25.03.2022!

Für Alle ist was dabei:
Action, Waffeln, Lagerfeuer und mit
Übernachtung!

Eingeladen sind alle Schülerinnen und
Schüler, nicht nur Pfadfinder!

Anmeldungen und weitere Infos gibt es ab
dem 07.03.2022 im Schulbüro und auf
unserer Homepage
www.dpsg-gaesdonck.de

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