



# Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers,



Our 2022 graduating students bid farewell to our school community this morning with a brilliant "last day of school". After the pupils of the other year classes had to work their way through a course to get to the Marmorplatz, teachers competed against students in several rounds of games to win the key to the locked main building.

Fortunately, after yesterday's rainstorms, the weather was also kind to us, so that there was a great atmosphere on the Marmorplatz despite the cold temperatures. Our Juvenat students in particular enhanced the cheerful atmosphere.

A picture gallery of the morning can be found in the [news section](#) of our website.



We sincerely wish our Abitur candidates that they will be able to take the light-heartedness of today with them into the final days of exam preparation, and we are already keeping our fingers crossed for the exams coming up after the Easter holidays!

## Student council (SV) Easter Action



The SV's successful Easter campaign also put a smile on many faces. As early as midweek, student representative Neele Giesen and her helpers hid 415 painted stones all over the Gaesdonck grounds, which were then searched for by the students the following day.

The pupils of the Juvenat, in particular, were visibly excited about the prize-giving, after all there were 50 Easter bunnies to be won. So there were many happy faces at the end. Many thanks to the SV for this great event! A report by Neele Giesen and many beautiful pictures can - also be found in the [news section](#) of our website.

## Teams-Groups

As already announced, we had to realise that the option for students to create and administrate their own groups on our teams platform was used very "creatively" in some cases. We therefore have to discontinue this option with immediate effect.

Affected groups still have time during the first week of the Easter holidays to save any significant content elsewhere. In the second week of the holidays, all groups that do not include teachers or boarding school teachers will be deleted.

## School bus transport

After the Easter holidays, our school buses will continue to operate with the extended Corona supplementary lines until further notice. The special bus timetable remains in force unchanged.

Of course, the same rules apply to the compulsory wearing of masks on our school buses as on public transport. Subject to any changes in the legal regulations in the meantime, bus tutors are also required to inform pupils travelling on the buses about the compulsory wearing of masks and to report any violations.

## Studium Generale starts again

After the Easter holidays, the "Studium Generale" programme will finally start again with a highly topical subject.

**Studium Generale at Gaesdonck** offers Gaesdonck senior school students and other interested parties unusual insights into very different topics and professional fields. The topics are wide-ranging and the lecturers are always proven experts in their field.

Thus, the programme offers our students a rare and very special opportunity to broaden their horizons beyond the school context.

For the first lecture after the Corona pandemic, we were able to book for the

**Monday , 02.05.2022 17:00 - 18:30**

**Prof. Dr Christian Noack** (Associate Professor at the University of Amsterdam)



The students will be able to gain an understanding of the historical and political background of the Russian attack on Ukraine and to answer questions from our students about the war in Ukraine.

A look at his curriculum vitae gives reason to hope for an exceptionally interesting evening:

*Dr Christian Noack is associate professor in East European Studies in the department of History, European Studies and Religious Studies at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Amsterdam (<https://www.uva.nl/profiel/n/o/c.u.noack/c.u.noack.html>). His research interests comprise, among others, the politics of memory in Russia and Ukraine. He has recently published an edited volume on the Politics of the Russian Language beyond Russia (Edinburgh University Press 2021) which explores the specifics of Russian language promotion and its perception in the 'near' and 'far abroad'.*

## Module courses period E start after the Easter holidays

Please note the information in the appendix!

## Arrival after the Easter holidays

We expect our internal students back on campus on **Sunday, 24 April** with the now familiar arrival organisation **between 18:00 and 20:00**. For re-arrival after the holidays, we again ask you to bring a negative PoC test, not older than 24h, and to arrive via the administration before entering the respective boarding houses.

We will inform you about the hygiene rules that apply in the boarding school after the holidays in due course.

*Dear Gaesdonckers*

*Wishing people a happy Easter in these special days is not an easy task in view of the war in Ukraine and many other headlines in the news.*

*Perhaps you feel the same as we do: a lot of things at the moment feel more like Good Friday than Easter. All the more reason for us to wish you a paschal look forward in this "strange" time and the confidence of the Christian hope of resurrection that the darknesses of life will not have the last word. Perhaps we will see you here on campus on Easter night?*

*We wish you and your families  
from the bottom of our hearts  
**a contemplative Easter  
and a blessed Easter 2022!***



Dr Markus Oberdörster  
Director

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Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Head of Boarding School

## Appendix: Module Courses Period E

### Module courses (period E) start after the Easter holidays!

From today, 08 April, **registration for the courses of period E** (after the Easter holidays until the summer holidays) is possible. An overview of the courses offered then can be found on our homepage <https://www.gaesdonck.de/modulkurse/>. The registration deadline is 30 April.

The individual modules take place from Monday to Thursday in the periods between two holiday periods and are designated with the letters A, B, C (1st semester), D and E (2nd semester). A module course consists of between six and nine lessons, one hour per week. The courses usually take place from Monday to Thursday from 2.35 p.m. – 3.20 p.m. (8th period) and from 3.25 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. (9th period), online via Microsoft Teams videoconference – so that our external students can easily go home after the 6th period and attend the module course from there.

For grade 5, a **face-to-face German course** (in German room 3) is offered on Mondays during the 7th lesson.

All other relevant information can be found in the plan.

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