



## Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers,

In the meantime, the school year - as far as one can say under Corona conditions - is largely going its "normal" course. The first class tests have been written and the upper school has also had its first days of exams.

Our small construction site on the Marmorhof is progressing well. Here we are building a direct access from the courtyard to the exam room in the attic. We are confident that the work will be completed by the end of the autumn holidays, so that we will then have another exam room at our disposal. This is certainly good news in view of the current lack of space.

Last week, we were pleased about the visit of District Administrator Silke Gorißen, who introduced herself in a political talk to the upper school students of the boarding houses. The lively discussion and questions proved the high political interest of many participants.



On Wednesday of next week, we will welcome the State Secretary of the State Ministry of Economics, Mr Christoph Dammermann, who will personally present the graduation certificates of the Advanced Class Business Economics of the class of 2019/2021 on the occasion of their 15th anniversary. Following the visit of the AC Medical Science by State Health Minister Laumann two years ago, this is further proof of the exceptionally high quality of our courses of excellence and their appreciation also by state politicians. A warm welcome!

### New rhythm in Covid 19 testing

As you have probably already heard, the state government has decided to increase the test frequency for pupils in NRW from twice to three times a week. This creates the conditions for all students to be covered by the 3G regulation in principle, without having to provide further proof of testing at events or when visiting restaurants.

Since this week, we have accordingly been testing all students at Gaesdonck who have not been vaccinated or who have recovered, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Any necessary retesting, for example if students are ill or on leave, will be arranged individually.

Students who have recovered or have been fully vaccinated no longer have to take part in the tests, but can do so voluntarily at any time. To register, it is still necessary to present the vaccination card or the electronic proof once to the class or level leader or to the school office.

### Changed arrival rules to the boarding school!

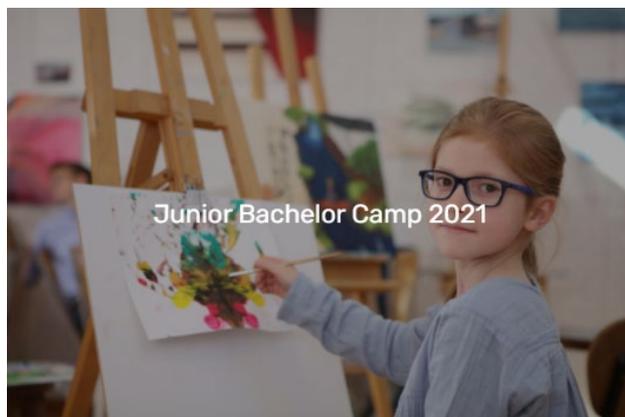
The increased testing rhythm at the school also allows us to return one step to normality when we arrive at the boarding school. The **additional testing on Sunday at the music school is no longer necessary as of now**. The completion of the return journey form is also not necessary at the moment.

As of next Sunday, **arrival at the boarding school can once again take place directly in the boarding house buildings during the normal timeframe** between 18:00 and 21:00.

From now on, **guests, parents and visitors** can **only** enter the campus and especially the boarding houses if they **have a 3G confirmation**. In addition, visitors must register with the administration before entering the campus. This can be done easily using the visitor passes available there or via the Luca app. Please help and show your vaccination or test certificate to the teacher in charge when visiting the boarding houses.

### Holiday tip for primary school children: The Junior Bachelor Camp on the Gaesdonck

Twice it had to be cancelled due to the given Corona situation. This year it will finally happen: in the first week of the autumn holidays, from 11.10. to 15.10.2021, the **Junior Bachelor Camp** 2021 will take place for the first time on the Gaesdonck campus.



The Junior Bachelor Camp offers an exceptional, high-quality holiday programme for particularly motivated, gifted and inquisitive primary school pupils in grade 4. They receive an excellent educational offer including overnight accommodation, meals and pedagogical supervision. At the centre of the learning holidays are the small learning courses with their varied programme. Markus van Briel has put together a team of lecturers, some of whom are already associated with Gaesdonck through the Children's College. At the same time, students from our upper school have been trained as group leaders in order to be

able to offer the participating children an exciting and valuable programme in their free time.

Last but not least: The children get to feel a bit like famous witches and wizards during this time when they are out and about on the historic Gaesdonck campus with its many possibilities.

Some places are still available. Perhaps you know a family for whom this offer could be interesting. In individual cases, third graders can also be accepted.

At [www.gaesdonck.de/jbc21/](http://www.gaesdonck.de/jbc21/) you will find the most important information and the application for our Junior Bachelor Camp.

### We keep our fingers crossed - Inlineskating Marathon in Berlin



Since yesterday morning, our inline skating team led by Pawel Zalewski has been on its way to Berlin to represent Gaesdonck at the Berlin Marathon. The students have been training for this event for a year.

We are thinking of you and wish you every - success, good perseverance and an accident-free run. **You will do it!**

*We wish you all and your families a lovely first weekend of autumn!*

*(In view of the current wave of colds, our wish this week is not only for any Corona viruses). Take good care of yourself and stay healthy!*

With kind regards

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