



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers,
dear parents of our **boarding and day boarding students**,

we hope you had a good and relaxing holiday season.

As at all times, your children's feelings will probably be somewhat mixed a few days before school starts: While for some the holidays could be a little longer, others are perhaps already looking forward to starting again soon and especially the "new ones" may have a small portion of excitement and perhaps also insecurity.

Just before things get underway again next week, we would like to give you a few tips and reminders for a good start.

Arrival and occupation of the rooms

You can find detailed information on arrival and the first days of school from page 14 onwards in the brochure "**Gaesdonck for Newcomers**". It is available for [download](#) on our website.

Arrival and registration (for newcomers as well as for "old hands") is always done via the administration. From there, the way to the respective houses is signposted.

Covid rules

At present, the legal regulations do not prescribe any special measures to combat the pandemic. Therefore, the arrival at the boarding or day boarding houses can be arranged without any special requirements. However, we recommend that you take a test at home on your own responsibility before arrival to be on the safe side. Especially in the case of symptoms typical of a cold, we ask for increased caution and mutual responsibility.

On the first day of school, all students have the opportunity to take a one-time test before classes begin. Afterwards, each student receives five tests to take home for individual testing.

Campus Time

The **Campus Booklet 2022/2023** with the complete annual programme with qualifying as well as free time-shaping Campus offers is already available for [download on](#) our website.

From Sunday evening, 14.08.2022, 18:00 hrs until Wednesday evening, 17.08.2022, 24hrs, one can register for the respective offers via the online registration of the website. If more applications are received for an offer than there are places available, priority will be given to the students who are applying for it for the first time. If the conditions are the same, the decision will be made by drawing lots.

The campus time offers will start from Monday, 22.08.2022. Until then, in-house or inter-house activities will take place from 17:15 to 18:30.

Studying time at the Juvenat (classes 5 and 6)

Thank you very much for your numerous feedbacks during our evaluation of the reorganisation of the studying time in the Juvenat last school year. We have worked through this in the past weeks and will adjust the organisation again at the beginning of the new school year. Essentially, it is about finding the optimal balance between the work in the house group and the individual learning and work support by the study group tutors. Both elements were evaluated by you as valuable and helpful.

With the start of the school year, the study time at Juvent follows the following model:

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| 3.00 pm | Preparation time/Organisation time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agendas are handed out and filled in properly by the pupils. Completed agendas are collected by the boarding teachers/learning tutors and checked for accuracy.• Required working materials are checked for completeness.• Homework/classwork deadlines are visibly displayed in the room. |
| 3.40 pm | Vocabulary time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students are provided with a vocabulary box.
(Costs are included in the boarding school fee) |
| 3.50 pm | Completion of homework/preparation for upcoming class tests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework will be shown to the boarding school teacher/tutor upon completion. These are signed off by the boarding school teacher if they are complete and in order. The correction of the content usually takes place in class.• In case of queries/need for individual support with homework, students can leave the room with a learning tutor and work on it outside the door in case of minor comprehension questions or in one of the learning rooms in case of a greater need for explanation.• For targeted preparation for class tests, individual learning tasks or vocabulary questions, the boarding school teachers set corresponding work tasks, which are then worked on individually with a learning tutor in one of the learning rooms.• Children who are picked up early will receive a note with the homework that has not been completed. This slip must be signed by the parent or guardian and presented on the next day. |
| 4.55 pm | Joint closing (individual arrangements for the rest of the day) |
| 5.00 pm | End of study time (clean up class and study rooms) |

*We sincerely wish you and your families some good last days of vacation and a good start.
Stay healthy!*

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