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# Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers

After project days and the carnival holidays, school is back in session. The days are full and the calendars are packed with exams and class tests. Nevertheless, it is worth looking back and looking ahead. We would therefore like to draw your attention to a few things and offers.

## Project days Gaesdonck 175

Our project days before carnival were an all-round successful experiment, which also heralded the start of our anniversary year at school. It was a great pleasure to see how committed and creative all of our students were in tackling the most diverse aspects of our school and boarding school life.

The courage and self confidence with which many students from the year 5 up to the upper school presented their group results on the large auditorium stage in front of the entire school community on the third day of the project was also impressive. You have to achieve that first. Chapeau!

It is hardly possible to convey the many impressions in this parents' letter, even the selection of photos was difficult. It is possible that your children have already reported at home. In any case, this time it is particularly worth taking a look at the [news section of](#) our website or the [special page on our anniversary](#).













You can also get a nice overview in the current, extra-long issue of [Gaesdonck News](#). Here, too, it's worth clicking.

A big thank you to all colleagues for the great preparation and to all students for their great commitment!

### New date for sacred concert

Another highlight of our jubilee year will certainly be our sacred concert with works from our monastery library under the direction of Manfred Hendricks.

However, the artists involved have decided to reschedule the event due to the current pile-up of dates: Make a note of **22 September 2024 at 5.00 pm** in your diary.

We are sure it will be worth the wait.



### Counselling days

On **Thursday, 21 and Friday, 22 March 2024**, your child's subject teachers will once again be looking forward to your visit as part of our consultation days. The tried and tested online portal will once again be available for registrations from 11 March 2024.

You will receive more detailed information and the QR code for online booking in good time in the next parents' letter.

In connection with the counselling days, but also the pedagogical conferences on 11 March 2024, we recommend that the parents of our boarding and day boarding take another look at the overview sent out at the beginning of the school year with **practical information on arrival and departure times and care times at the day boarding school**.

### The case of "Emily"

We were shocked to follow the case of "Emily" in the media at the time. You may also have heard about the tragic story of the schoolgirl from Mönchengladbach who died on her class trip to England in 2019. The circumstances have now been legally investigated, meaning that the case has once again achieved a certain media presence.

However, this events also sadly emphasises how important it is that you **inform** us **promptly and comprehensively** about any chronic illnesses, allergies or similar that have been or will be diagnosed in your children, both in the school and boarding school context. Your information will be treated confidentially, even. The student files in the school office are only accessible to a very limited group of people.



You are also welcome to speak to the headmistress or the boarding school director personally about this topic.

## Kangaroo



On 18 March 2024, the Kangaroo Maths competition will once again take place across Germany. In good Gaesdonck tradition, the students of the Sexta and Quinta will take part in the competition as a class.

All other interested students can register for the competition themselves. The required form can be accessed via the QR code.



Take heart – in recent years, many Gaesdonckers have been able to achieve impressive results. **We are keeping our fingers crossed!**

## Computer typing course

The computer typing course will start again on 5 March as part of our Campus Time offer. There are still a few places available. Further information on content and registration can be found in the attachment.

## Randa summer holiday

Please also find attached information from Mr Be-het regarding registration for the summer camp at our Augustinushütte in Randa. Discovering the alpine world in the Swiss Valais has been part of Gaesdonck's identity for generations.

The number of places at the hut is limited. **The registration deadline is 08 March 2024.**



## Golf

The Dutch Bleijenbeek golf course is located in the immediate vicinity (4.5 km) of Gaesdonck. In the first half of the 2023/24 school year, we launched a pilot project with the local golf club for Gaesdonck students. With success: a total of 24 students have already taken part in the new **golf club with** great enthusiasm and commitment.



We would now like to continue this programme. Under the professional guidance of a youth trainer, students from Sexta to Lower Secondary (grades 5 to 10) can once again learn to play golf up to course maturity in this course. Initially, twelve training sessions of around 50 minutes each are planned from March to June.

The programme will take place weekly on Tuesdays from 1.45 to 5.00 p.m. This would allow us to offer three courses for eight participants each. The total cost is 150 euros per participant. The material is provided free of charge by the Golf club. The transport is organised by Gaesdonck.

For students who already have knowledge of golf, an advanced golf course will be offered if required. Whether this course can also take place on a Tuesday depends on demand.

### Are you interested?

A non-binding **information event via Teams** will take place on **Wednesday, 28 February 2024** at 8.30 pm. Both parents and students are cordially invited to find out about the possibilities and general conditions in

In order to better assess the demand, we ask you to **register by 27 February 2024** with our boarding school director Mr Gysbers. After registering you will receive the link to the information event by email. ([gysbers@gaesdonck.de](mailto:gysbers@gaesdonck.de)).

As in the last school term, we can only realise the offer if enough students are interested.

<https://bleijenbeek.nl/de/golfplatz/>



Your advert could be placed here...



Last but not least, we would like to pass on an appeal from our scout tribe. On their new kitchen trailer, there is plenty of opportunity to be positively seen as a company. Therefore:

*Attention local businesses: With the advertising space on our kitchen trailer, we would like to give you the opportunity to present your company on the Lower Rhine and on the Gaesdonck and at the same time support the youth work of our scout tribe.*

*In return for an annual contribution, you will have the opportunity to decorate one area of the trailer, advertising for a good cause – in both senses of the word. You are also welcome to forward this information to friends who may be interested!*

Further information can be obtained by e-mail from  
[sponsoring@dpsg-gaedonck.de](mailto:sponsoring@dpsg-gaedonck.de).

*The tribal council*



*With this in mind, we wish you and your families a hopefully not too stormy end to the week and our boarding students relaxing days with their families during the upcoming homecoming weekend.*

*Yours sincerely*

Dr Markus Oberdörster  
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Boarding school Director

## Appendix: Computer typing course

*Based on the results of brain research and pedagogy, this computer typing course uses visualisation and association techniques, NLP findings, multi-sensory approaches and networked thinking. The course objective is only achieved through regular practice. On the last day of the course, a 10-minute writing test is carried out as a final test. Participants will receive a certificate on completion of the course.*

### **Participation**

*The minimum number of participants is 10; a maximum of 15 students can take part.*

*The course fee depends on the number of participants. As soon as we have a fixed number of registrations, we will announce the course fee.*

### **Dates**

*The computer typing course starts on 05.03.2024, always on Tuesdays from 14.15 to 15.00. The course comprises 14 lessons.*

*Meeting point: Foyer in the main building.*

### **Registration**

*Registrations can be made at the school secretary's office on 02823/961-121.*

*Payment of the participation fee is made via Gaesdonck. You are welcome to transfer the amount to DKM Darlehnskasse Münster eG,*

*IBAN: DE66 400 602 650 002 045 800, BIC-SWIFT: GENODEM1DKM*

*by bank transfer. If you have given us a direct debit authorisation, we will debit the amount from your account.*

**Responsible:** Mrs Matenaar



## Ferienfreizeit Randa Sommer 2024

Liebe Eltern,

wir freuen uns, mitteilen zu können, dass wir auch in diesem Jahr wieder eine Sommerfreizeit an der Augustinushütte durchführen werden.

Der Schwerpunkt der Sommerfreizeit liegt beim Bergwandern im Wallis, genauer gesagt im Mattertal. Ausgangspunkt hierbei ist die Augustinushütte in Randa am Fuße des beeindruckenden Weißhorns inmitten zahlreicher weiterer bekannter alpiner Erhebungen. Auch neben den Wanderungen wird es ein abwechslungsreiches Programm geben. Dazu gehören zum Beispiel Ausflüge zum Thermal- und Freizeitbad, Aktionstage an der Hütte sowie Ausflüge zu Klettersteigen. Die Touren werden geführt und entsprechend den Anforderungen der Teilnehmer geplant. Die Bergfreizeit ist daher gleichermaßen für erfahrene, wie für unerfahrene Wanderer geeignet. Teilnehmen an der Fahrt kann jeder ab der Quarta (7.Klasse) bis zur Unterprima (Q1). Im Ausnahmefall kann es sein, dass sich Abfahrt oder Rückkehr um maximal einen Tag nach vorne oder hinten verschiebt.

**Die Fahrt im Überblick :**

### Teilnahme Quarta bis Unterprima

Abfahrt: Dienstag, 23.07.2024 (Abfahrtszeit ca. 9 Uhr)

Rückkehr: Freitag, 09.08.2024 (Rückkehr später Abend)

Die Freizeit kostet **650,00 €**. Hin- und Rückfahrt, Unterkunft, Vollverpflegung, alle Eintrittsgelder, Bahnfahrten, Seilbahnfahrten, zusätzliche Unterkünfte bei mehrtägigen Touren und Snacks für die Touren etc. sind in diesem Beitrag bereits enthalten.

### Zusätzliche Kosten entstehen:

- für Taschengeld

Die Anmeldung ist ab Montag im Sekretariat und bei Herrn Behet erhältlich. Zur Anmeldung benötigen wir von Ihnen die Anmeldung und den Gesundheitsbogen ausgefüllt und unterschrieben zurück. Ihr Kind kann diesen bei Herrn Behet persönlich oder im Lehrerzimmer abgeben. Eine digitale Zusendung ist nicht möglich. Bei Interessentinnen und Interessenten aus dem Internat können selbstverständlich auch die Internatspädagogen mit Ihrer Zustimmung in Vertretung die Anmeldung unterschreiben.

Bitte beachten Sie, dass die Teilnehmerzahl begrenzt ist und der **Anmeldeschluss der 8. März 2024** ist.

Bei Rückfragen stehen wir Ihnen selbstverständlich gerne zur Verfügung.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

*Dominik Behet und das Team der Augustinushütte*

