



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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28 April 2026

Dear Gaesdonckers

In the midst of this short week leading up to 1 May, we send you warm greetings from a Gaesdonck campus that is truly feeling like spring. It is lovely to see how it is coming back to life with the first rays of sunshine, and how the numerous benches and seating areas in the open spaces and meadows are being used for both work and relaxation.

The first Abitur exams have also been completed and so far our students seem to be reasonably satisfied with the questions and their own performance. We're keeping our fingers crossed for the remaining exams.

Confirmation 2026



The weather during our Confirmation service on Sunday, 19 April was somewhat more mixed than in the previous days. After a sunny start, the Holy Spirit certainly made his presence felt in the course of the service, even amidst violent thunderstorms and gusts of wind. This did not, however, dampen the festive atmosphere, so that Auxiliary Bishop Lohmann was still able to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to the confirmands in a very dignified setting. In his sermon, Bishop Lohmann also emphasised

the political dimension of the Gospel: love for humanity, the call for peace – and the question of what it means when interests of power and capital prevail where the Gospel points in a different direction. Words that give pause for thought. And which show that faith is not a private matter in the narrowest sense, but always also an attitude towards the world.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all our colleagues who were involved in preparing for this Confirmation; and to the confirmands themselves, we would like to take this opportunity to offer once again our **heartfelt congratulations!**





Gaesdonck Vintage Day

The time has finally come: this coming Saturday, 2 May 2026, the first Gaesdoncker Vintage Day will take place.

From 3.00 pm, your children can sell clothes, accessories, books, decorative items and many other treasures at this **flea market** organised by the pupils themselves. The organisers' aim is to give new life to items that are no longer needed and to create a lively, sustainable day together.

From 7.00 pm to midnight, there will be an **after-party** with a DJ in the Taverne for everyone aged 16 and over.

It is still possible to register for a stall at short notice!

Further information can be found in the attachment.

Night-Mover in the district of Kleve

Speaking of after-parties: we are pleased to pass on to you some information from the education authority regarding **the Kleve district's 'Night-Mover' programme.**



This Night-Mover service is designed to enable teenagers and young adults aged between 16 and 26 to travel safely by taxi from an event within or outside the Kleve district to their home address

in the Kleve district. On Friday and Saturday nights, as well as on the nights before public holidays and during the carnival season, you can book a taxi via the **"Night-Mover" app** between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am the following day and be taken home safely for just €10 per eligible person.

Further information can be found on the Kleve district's information page via the following

[link.](#)



Grote Laarweg construction site



As announced by the municipality of Goch, renovation work on the bridge over the dead arm of the Kendel on Grote Laarweg will commence today. The small bridge, which leads from our bus car park towards Hassum and Goch-West, will be completely closed for approximately three months whilst a new bridge is constructed.

We ask parents and students travelling by car or bicycle who use the bridge on their way to school to plan accordingly!

We'd like to wish you a sunny, long May Day weekend already today. Enjoy what we hope will continue to be spring-like temperatures.

If a May stroll takes you to the Gaesdonck Campus this coming Saturday, we look forward to seeing you at our Vintage Day.

Best regards

Dr Markus Oberdörster
Headteacher

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Head of Boarding



Gaesdonck Vintage Day

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Invitation to Gaesdonck Vintage Day

Dear parents, students and alumni,

This year's **Gaesdoncker Vintage Day** will take place on **2 May 2026** from 3.00 pm on Marmorplatz, and we warmly invite you all to join us!

Vintage Day is a **flea market** where you can sell clothes, accessories, books, decorative items and many other treasures. The aim is to give new life to things you no longer need and to create a lively, sustainable day together.

In addition to the stalls, a varied programme of events awaits you:

- Food and drink stalls (including waffles and coffee)
- Musical performances (aCAGella)
- Various activities and games with small prizes to be won

After-party (Vintage Day x Gnight)

An after-party with DJ Henrolito will take place from 7 pm to midnight.

- Free entry
- Participants must be aged 16 or over
- No consent form required

Anyone wishing to attend the afterparty can send a message with their name to the **Instagram account @g.night26**.

Stalls – Registration (Final Call!)

Anyone wishing to run their own stall can register **until 29 April 2026**.

Items suitable for sale at a table (e.g. clothing, jewellery, books, toys, household and decorative items) may be sold.

Pupils, parents, friends and former pupils are all welcome!

Kind regards

The Vintage Day Organising Team



Registration – Gaesdoncker Vintage Day on 2 May 2026

I hereby reserve a stall:

Name		
Class		
Telephone and Email		

I would like

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing and accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household/decorative items | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

sell.

Signature of parent or guardian

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The completed registration form can be:

- be handed in at the school office
- or sent digitally to nicolemuhire@gmail.com