



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

No. 2/2026–27

12 September 2026

Dear Gaesdonckers

How wonderful – school and boarding life are back in full swing. Following the summer holidays, which, as every year, our colleagues in maintenance, administration and housekeeping have used to diligently spruce up and maintain the campus, we are delighted to have your children back with us.

A special welcome goes out to all newcomers to Gaesdonck, whether they are joining our lower secondary school, upper secondary school or our boarding houses. We look forward to supporting your children on their journey towards their Abitur exams.

Last Wednesday morning, as always, we began the new school year together with a moving service on the Marmorplatz. Speaking on behalf of everyone, our chaplain once again offered words of encouragement to the students as they embarked on the new school year.





A warm welcome to our new Sextans!

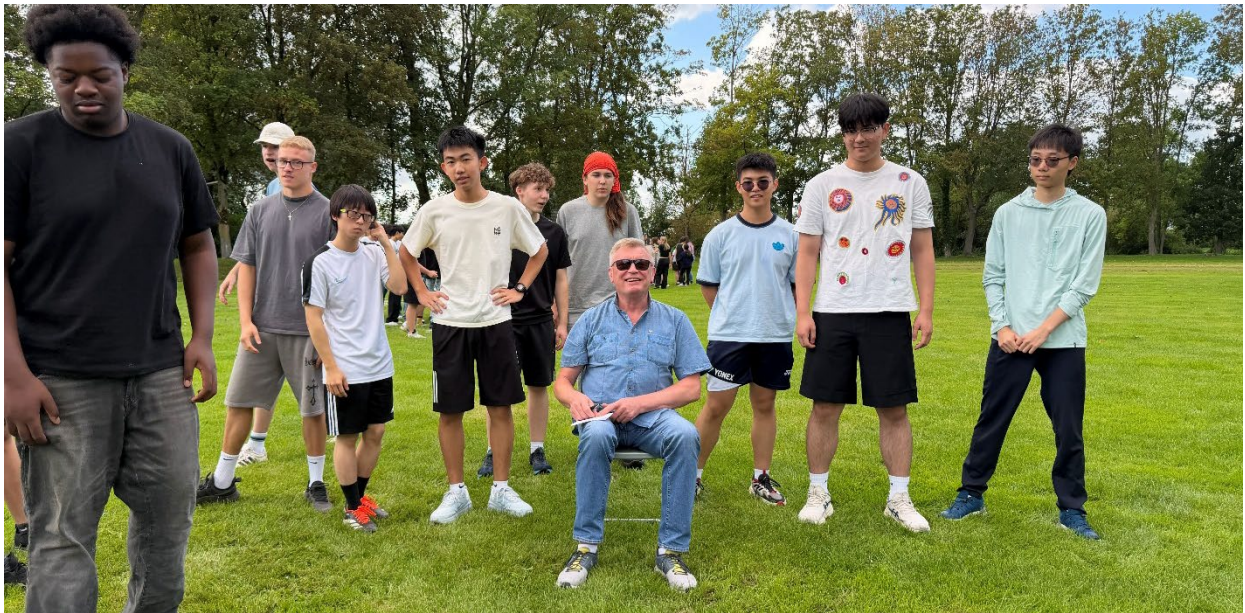
The highlight of the first day of term this year was once again the ceremonial induction of our new Year 5 students. Like many generations of students before them, the three new Sextan classes planted their tree by Lake Gaesdonck after getting to know one another for the first time.

As always, you can find a report and plenty of photos in [the News section](#) of our website.





Welcome party for boarding students



In the boarding houses, too, the first few days of the new school year were all about settling in, getting to know one another and building a sense of community. We are delighted with the many new arrivals at the boarding school and day boarding school, and with the noticeably positive atmosphere in the houses. We have thoroughly enjoyed spending these first few days with your children.



Winter holiday at the Augustinushütte in Randa

The Randa group has only just returned from their summer camp in the Swiss canton of Valais, and already the ski trip this coming winter is on the horizon:

As is the case every year, the Christmas holidays this winter will once again feature a traditional highlight of school and boarding life at Gaesdonck for all students from Year 10 onwards: the **skiing holiday at our Augustinushütte in Randa**.

The registration period has already begun! Further information can be found in the **attachment**.



Culinary delights



Our canteen had an unusual highlight to offer last week: after our head chef, Jan Hollendung, had represented Gaesdonck at a cooking event at the Landgasthof Westrich before the summer holidays, it was now time for a return visit: Chef Thorben Schröder, renowned far beyond the region's borders, treated us last Tuesday to **game bratwurst with mashed potatoes and carrots, game sauce and cranberries**.

And there's more to come: to coincide with Munich's Oktoberfest, Bavarian Week returns to the menu from 21 September, featuring plenty of **Wiesn specialties**.

Class parents'/year group parents' committee meetings

The first meetings of the class and year-group parent committees for this school year will take place on **Sunday 13 September 2026 at 5.00 pm**.

- Parents of students in **the Juvenat** (Sexta and Quinta; Years 5 and 6) will meet in the respective classrooms in the Juvenat.

For **all other classes and year groups**, the following room allocation applies:

- Quarta:**
 - 7a: German 1 (ground floor, main building)
 - 7b: German 3 (basement, main building)
 - 7c: German 2 (ground floor, main building)
- Lower Tertia**
 - 8a: Biology 1 (first floor, main building)
 - 8 b: Geography 2 (first floor, main building)
 - 8 c: Maths 1 (upper floor, main building)
- Upper Tertia:**
 - 9a: German 4 (basement, main building)
 - 9b: Physics (upper floor, main building)
 - 9c: English 1 (basement, main building)
- Lower Secondary:**
 - 10a: Latin 2 (ground floor, main building)
 - 10b: Religious Studies 1 (Ground floor, main building)
 - 10c: Latin 1 (ground floor, main building)
 - 10 d: Religious Studies 2 (ground floor, main building)
- Upper Secondary** (EF): Stucksaal (canteen)
- Lower Primary** (Q1): Assembly Hall
- Upper Primary** (Q2): Language Centre



Due to the parents' evenings, it is possible **to arrive at the boarding school** from 4.30 pm.

School committee Meeting

The elected chairpersons of the respective class and year group parent committees will meet immediately following the class parent committee meetings for the first meeting of the school parent committee, also on **Sunday 13 September 2026 at 6.00 pm** in the Stucksaal.

Parents' Day for the boarding school and day boarding

Life is already visibly bustling in the boarding and day-boarding houses during these first few days of the school year. The groups are beginning to bond within their new house communities and to make the house areas their own. So there is plenty to see and discuss. We therefore warmly invite all **parents of boarding and day-boarding students** to Parents' Day on

Sunday, 4 October 2026

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| 11.00 am | Church service in the monastery church |
| 12.00 am | Discussions/getting to know one another/elections of parent representatives for the boarding school committee in the respective houses |
| 1.30 pm | Lunch followed by coffee |
| 2.30 pm | End of the event and first meeting of the newly elected boarding school committee |

Gaesdonck module courses – targeted revision and consolidation of knowledge

To support and enhance learning in the core subjects, Gaesdonck offers a special support programme developed in-house – many of you are already familiar with it.

From Monday to Thursday, special module courses are offered in the various core subjects to address typical subject-specific challenges.

In small groups, some of which are mixed-year, subject teachers help students to consolidate existing knowledge, rediscover forgotten material or catch up on important learning content they have missed.

New: Individual assessment and the opportunity to improve grades

Based on the experience of recent years, from this academic year onwards we will tailor the module courses even more closely to students' learning needs:

- From the 2026/2027 academic year onwards, the module courses will be offered **on a termly basis**, i.e. in line with the school term cycle. Enrolment for module courses via the form on our website will therefore only take place on two dates: after the summer holidays in September and after the half-yearly reports in February.
- At the start of each module course, there will be a **diagnostic test** to identify any potential gaps in the participating students' knowledge. This will enable us to support your child in an even more targeted and personalised way.
- At the end of the module course, your child will have the opportunity to sit a **voluntary final test** covering the material covered during the half-year. A successful result (grade 3 or higher) can positively influence your child's report card mark – in such cases, the module course teacher will contact the relevant subject teacher to inform them of this.
- To ensure that the material covered is consolidated in the long term, it is intended that children generally attend the course for the entire half-year (parents may, of course, withdraw their child from the course at any time).

As experience has shown that demand for module courses is higher in the second half of the school year, we will in future start the school year with a carefully selected range of courses and significantly increase the number on offer in the second half of the year.

Now is the time to sign up for this half-year's module courses! The courses on offer:

		Schuljahr 2026/2027 1. Halbjahr	Modulkurse Deutsch, Englisch, Mathematik, Französisch	Wochentag und Stunde: siehe Lehrer 7. Stunde: 13.50-14.35 Uhr 8. Stunde: 14.35-15.20 Uhr
Jgst.	Fach	Modulkürzel	Themen	Lehrkraft und Zeitpunkt
8-9	D	D8-9	Typische Fehler in Grammatik und Rechtschreibung	Herr Höptner – Mi., 7. Std.
8-9	E	E8-9	Bearbeitung typischer Schwierigkeiten aus den Jgst. 5-7	Herr Breuer – Mi., 8. Std.
5-6	M	M5-6	Mathematische Grundfähigkeiten – Rechnen, Messen und Berechnen	Frau Peters – Di., 8. Std.
8-10	F	F8-10	Grammatik leicht gemacht: Wiederholung und Vertiefung	Frau Kumpmann – Do., 7. Std.



Information on arrival and departure for the coming school year

Parents of our boarding and day students received a separate email a few days ago containing some information to help you plan your arrival and departure dates, as well as childcare times, for the coming school year. Please note that, although we have compiled this information with care, changes may still occur over the course of the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

We wish you – and, of course, your children in particular – a good start to a successful, but above all, happy new school year!

Kind regards

Dr Markus Oberdörster
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Boarding School Director



Randa Winterfreizeit

27. Dezember 2026 bis 04. Januar 2027

Untersekunda bis Oberprima



Liebe Eltern,

Wir freuen uns, dass auch in diesem Jahr wieder eine Winterfreizeit an der Augustinushütte stattfinden wird.

Der Schwerpunkt der Winterfreizeit liegt beim Ski- bzw. Snowboard-Fahren im nahegelegenen Skigebiet von Zermatt. Auch neben der Piste wird es ein abwechslungsreiches Programm geben. Zu den Aktionen an und in der Hütte werden auch – je nach Witterung – weitere Aktivitäten angeboten. So sind in den letzten Jahren Iglus gebaut, Winterwanderungen oder Besuche von Thermalbädern angeboten worden. Zur Betreuung der Ski- und Snowboard-Fahrer stehen Sportlehrer und erfahrene Schüler auf der Piste zur Verfügung. So können nicht nur Anfänger das Fahren erlernen, sondern auch Fortgeschrittene noch an ihrer Technik arbeiten. Der Skipass ist bereits im Fahrtbeitrag enthalten. Ebenfalls bereits enthalten ist das Ausleihen und die Einstellung des Ski- bzw. Snowboard-Materials.

Die Fahrt im Überblick:

Teilnahme: ab der Untersekunda (Kl. 10)
Abfahrt: Sonntag, 27.12.2026
Rückkehr: Montag, 04.01.2027
Zeiten der Abfahrt und Rückkehr ab und an Gaesdonck folgen

Die Freizeit kostet **970 € bis einschließlich 15 Jahre bzw. 1050 € ab 16 Jahre**. Hin- und Rückfahrt, Unterkunft, Vollverpflegung, Skipass, ggf. geliehenes Material etc. sind in diesem Beitrag bereits enthalten. Die Preisdifferenz entsteht durch die Kosten für die Skipässe.

Anmeldung:

Die Anmeldung erfolgt auch in diesem Jahr **ausschließlich digital**.
Zur Anmeldung Ihres Sohnes/Ihrer Tochter nutzen Sie hierzu bitte folgenden Link oder folgen Sie dem QR Code.



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/CDKNU9NwHw>

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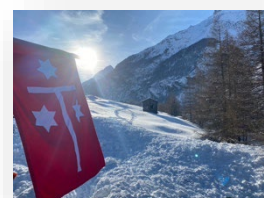
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Anmeldeschluss: 02. Oktober 2026

Bei Rückfragen stehe ich Ihnen selbstverständlich gerne zur Verfügung unter behet@gaesdonck.de

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Dominik Behet und das Team der Augustinushütte



Randa – Winterfreizeit 27. Dezember 2026 bis 04. Januar 2027

Bestätigung der Angaben und verbindliche Anmeldung

Ich bestätige die Korrektheit der **online eingegebenen Daten** zur Anmeldung von

Vorname, Name des **Kindes**

Vorname, Name der/des **Erziehungsberechtigten**

Datum und **Unterschrift**

Diese Bestätigung **bitte im letzten Schritt ausgefüllt bei der Online-Anmeldung hochladen!**