



Gaesdonck parents letter

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Dear Gaesdonck families
dear parents

At the beginning of this strange "last school week" we would like to give you some additional information regarding the lessons of this week:

For the **Years 5 to 7 there will be face-to-face lessons throughout the week** up to and including Friday. This is somewhat misrepresented in some media in connection with the general lockdown from Wednesday onwards. Of course, you still have the option of withdrawing your child from the programme. Please send an e-mail to poststelle@gaesdonck.de.

Teachers in these grades will make every effort to integrate the students who have dropped out into their classes online. Please make sure that your child participates if there is an opportunity to do so. On the other hand, we ask for your understanding if this integration into the lessons does not work at one point or another for technical or other reasons. In any case, materials can be found on the Moodle learning platform. As already announced, there will be no more tests this week.

The pupils in the **Year 8 to 13** are now in distance learning. All the necessary information was given by their class or grade leaders in a video conference this morning.

Should you not be able to provide your children with the necessary technical hardware to participate in distance learning for financial reasons, we can provide a limited amount of loan equipment. If necessary, please contact your child's class teacher in confidence.

The **support courses ("Förderkurse")** and **campus activities will be** cancelled this week.

Due to the very short-term nature of distance learning, many pupils still have material in their **lockers**. These can be emptied in the mornings. If possible, only your child should enter the school buildings for this purpose. In the interests of infection prevention, we ask you to keep the necessary stay as short as possible and to comply with the rules on distance and masks.

With kind regards from the Gaesdonck

Dr. Markus Oberdörster
Director

Doris Mann
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Boarding School Director

Information from our Music Teachers

Dear parents,

According to our calendar, our traditional **Advent concert** should actually take place on 20.12., the fourth Sunday in Advent, and many have been looking forward to it since the beginning of the school year. As unfortunately many things have happened in these days, this event has been on the brink of collapse for a long time and cannot take place as usual according to the current state of affairs.

The considerations of the Music Teachers initially went in the direction of a digital substitute solution via video stream or recording, but this would have meant both a great deal of technical effort and the necessity of excluding many of our talented students from this event. For these reasons, and so that you as parents can be there live as usual when your children play music, the Advent concert will be moved to the next school semester under a different name and will only take place when the general conditions allow such an event to take place again without restrictions. We are looking forward to welcoming you back at Gaesdonck and wish you and your children a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

With musical greetings

The Gaesdonck Music teachers