



# Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers

The last phase of the school year between the autumn and Christmas holidays has begun. As every year, this phase will be marked by many appointments and events and, for our students, by numerous class tests and exams.

With this relatively short greeting on All Saints' Day weekend, we would like to draw your attention to a few events in the coming weeks, each of which makes Gaesdonck a special place in its own way.

## Open Day 2025

Our Open Day on **Saturday, 15 November 2025** is already looming large. Many classes are busy preparing stations and thinking about how we, as the Gaesdonck school and boarding school community, can present ourselves to our hopefully numerous guests in a colourful and diverse way.

For the sake of completeness, we would like to point out once again that the Open Day is a **normal school day with compulsory attendance**, albeit a slightly shortened one. Your children will be compensated for this day with an additional day off elsewhere during the school year. Exemptions or leave of absence can therefore only be granted under the same conditions as on other regular school days. Please treat this responsibly.

As every year, there will be a **special bus timetable** for the open day. We will send this to you in good time.



Komm nach der Grundschule  
zu uns auf die Gaesdonck!

[gaesdonck.de/sextaneraufnahme](https://gaesdonck.de/sextaneraufnahme)

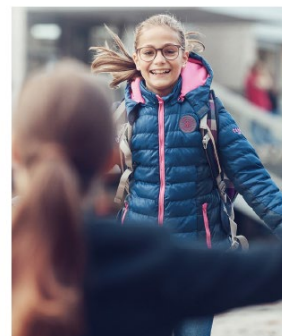
Du gehst gerne in die Schule und hast viele Interessen?  
Dann freuen wir uns darauf dich kennenzulernen!

### Tag der offenen Tür

Samstag,  
**15. November 2025**  
10.00 bis 14.30 Uhr  
Gaesdoncker Campus in Goch

### Schnuppertag im Tagesinternat

**20. November 2025**  
16.00 bis 18.00 Uhr



## Invitation to the St. Martin's Procession 2025 for our Sextans and Quintans and their families

On **Sunday, 16 November 2025, at 5 p.m.**, we cordially invite you to the traditional St. Martin's Procession at Gaesdonck. The meeting point is the Marble Square.

Anyone who has been there before knows that this is a particularly atmospheric evening on our campus.



Further information can be found in the attached invitation from our spiritual director Sven Tönies.

## The student company's 2025 promotional sale has begun



As of yesterday, our student company's promotional zip-up hoodie for the 2025/2026 school year can be ordered on the [student company's website](#).

In addition to a unique, self-designed look, the zip-up hoodie is made from high-quality, durable materials and is fairly produced. "Fashion you can wear with a clear conscience – in class, on trips or simply in your free time," says the student company.

The zip-up hoodie is available in aloe (light green), sky blue, cotton pink and heather grey in sizes XXS to XL. It costs €49.99.

The promotional sale is running **"Only here. Only now."** Orders can only be placed directly via the student company's website (not via the normal shop) and are available now until the Sunday after the open day on 16 November 2025.

If all goes well, the zippers ordered can be picked up at the student company's stand in the break hall before the Christmas holidays. Payment is made upon collection.

We think it's a great Christmas present!

[Direct link to the order form](#)

## Confirmation preparation at Gaesdonck

Before the autumn holidays, our spiritual director Sven Tönies informed the Year 10 students about the possibility of confirmation preparation at Gaesdonck and gave them a letter with relevant information to take with them on holiday.

As we have received significantly fewer responses than in previous years, we have decided to extend the **deadline to Wednesday, 5 November 2025, 12:00 noon**.



We kindly ask you to discuss with your child whether participation in confirmation preparation at Gaesdonck is an option. The aim of the preparation is to create time and space to explore one's own faith and important questions in life. At the end, the personal decision for or against confirmation is made.

Regardless of whether your child is already certain that they want to be confirmed, is still searching for answers in their faith, or is simply interested in discussing questions such as *"Who is God?"* or *"Why believe?"* with other young people, confirmation preparation offers suitable activities and support for all of these.

Registration for confirmation preparation at Gaesdonck can be done via the following

link



Mr Tönies will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Calendar update



Our next **pedagogical conference day** will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025. On this day, the teachers, together with the boarding school educators if necessary, will review the individual development of each student and, if necessary, develop action plans. There will be **no lessons and no day boarding school supervision**. For the students, the day is a study day – they will receive assignments that must be completed at home.

On Sunday, 16 November 2025, not only will the St. Martin's procession take place, but also the next **plenary meeting** for boarding school students. We expect full attendance.

On 21 November 2025, we hope to welcome many of you here on campus for the **consultation day**. We will send you further information, the room list and the link for booking appointments in the next letter to parents.

*We wish you and your families a wonderful rest of the All Saints' Day weekend!*

Dr. Markus Oberdörster  
Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Boarding School Director





## St. Martin's Procession 2025

Dear students in Year 5 and Year 6  
Dear parents/guardians and siblings

On **Sunday, 16 November 2025, at 5 p.m.**, we cordially invite you to the traditional St. Martin's Procession at Gaesdonck. The meeting point is the Marble Square. There we will bless the lanterns made in class and then start the procession together.

The Uedem Youth Orchestra will provide musical accompaniment. We would be delighted if adults would accompany the procession with the torches provided – this will enhance the special atmosphere of the evening. After returning to the schoolyard, we will be treated to a modern staging of the St. Martin's play, which invites reflection and wonder.

The Scouts will bathe the Primanerhof in atmospheric lighting and offer (hot) drinks. Our kitchen will also take care of your physical well-being. Snacks and drinks are available in exchange for tokens. The Juvenat class teachers will begin **selling tokens** in their classes next week. As in previous years, there will be packs of 10 tokens. One token is worth € 1.50. Additional tokens can also be purchased on the evening itself, but unused tokens cannot be refunded after the parade.

For the Sexta and Quinta, there will of course be the **traditional Weckmann**. No tokens are required for this, as the Weckmänner are donated by Gaesdonck!

We look forward to an atmospheric evening and wish everyone a blessed St. Martin's Day!

Sven Tönies  
Spiritual

**Please bring:** lanterns (children) and weatherproof clothing.

**Note in case of heavy rain:** The parade will still take place in a modified form.

