



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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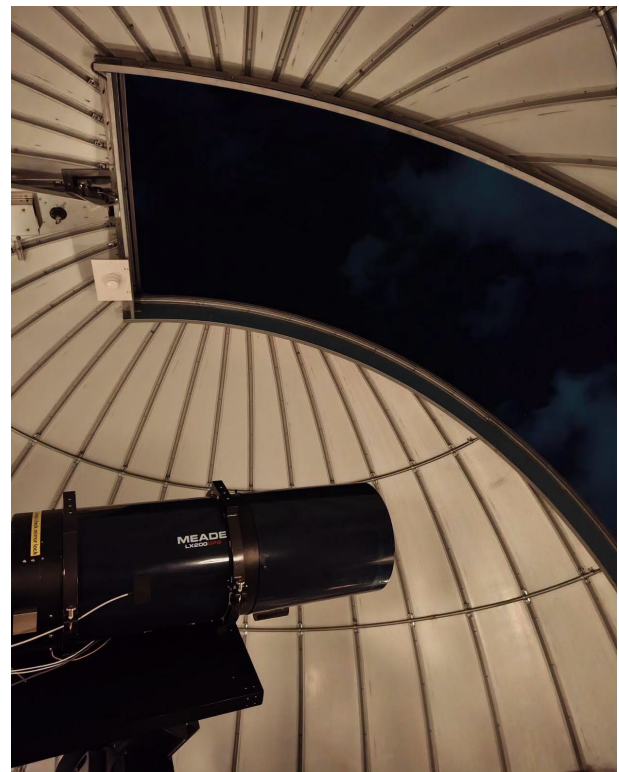
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Dear Gaesdonckers

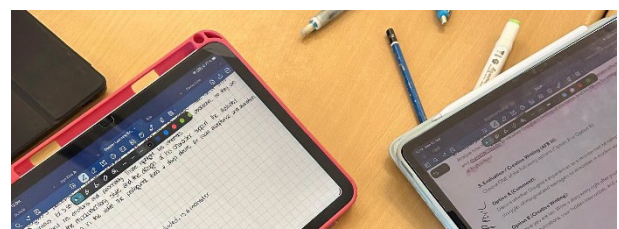
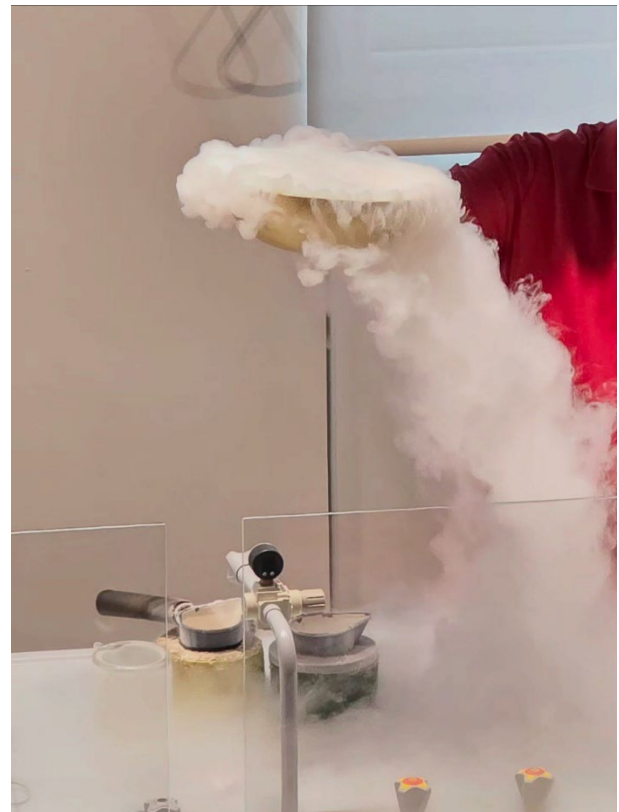
We're sending you off into the autumn half-term with lots of colourful photos from our **Deeper Learning Week**. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our colleagues, as well as our external partners, who organised and made possible the numerous activities for our students over the past week. A truly special week in the school calendar!

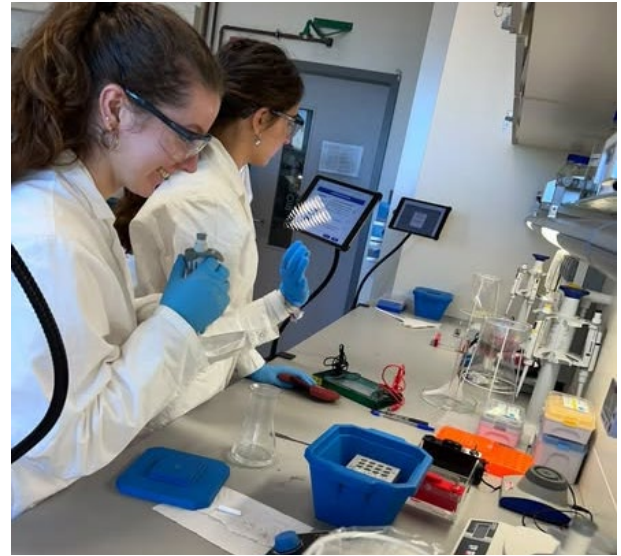
You'll find lots more photos on our social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). It's well worth following us.











On the ball

Even in the weeks leading up to Deeper Learning Week, numerous Gaesdonck students were out and about representing our school at various school tournaments.

The boys' **WK II** team got off to a convincing start. As early as 30 September, our team won the qualifying round for the district championship:



"Gaesdonck put in a strong performance in every match and secured their place in the next round! In the first match, we won 2–1 against Goch Grammar School. We then went on to beat Goch Secondary School 4–1. We were also successful in our final match against Goch Comprehensive School, winning 2–0. With three wins from three matches, we put in a convincing performance and have deservedly progressed to the next round!"

In **WK III** too, our team qualified for the final round of the district championship on 5 October – and did so with a resounding victory:

"In perfect football weather, our team secured a clear 7–0 victory against Goch Comprehensive School on 5 October. We dominated the match from the outset and gave our opponents no chance. With this result, we've secured a well-deserved victory."

And our team also put in a strong performance at **the district tournament** – even though it wasn't quite enough for victory in the end, **we're very proud of you all!**



"In glorious weather, the footballers from the Untertertia to Untersekunda year groups took part in the district tournament at the Hubert-Houben Stadium on 12 October."

In their first match, the team fought hard to secure a narrow 1–1 draw against LMG Geldern. In their second match against Realschule Kleve, the two teams were evenly matched. Despite a good performance, they lacked that final bit of luck in the end, and the match ended goalless at 0–0.

Unfortunately, our lads were defeated by KVGG, conceding a goal.

In the final match against Emmerich, the team put in another good performance and drew 0-0 with their opponents.

Despite the results, everyone involved had a great time and gained valuable experience.

*A **big thank you** to the parents for providing transport, and to Mr Heidemeyer for accompanying the team and running the training sessions!"*

Certificate ceremony for the Advanced Class in Business Economics

The graduates of the Advanced Class in Business Economics from the 2024–2026 cohort also have every reason to be proud of themselves. Under the guidance of Mr Bours, they have, over the course of two years and in addition to their Abitur curriculum, completed over 130 teaching units in the modules Soft Skills, IT, Business Ethics and Business English. In recognition of this, they have now received three certificates: the Gaesdonck certificate, a certificate of attendance from the Duisburg-Wesel-Kleve Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK), and the Cambridge University certificate in Business English. We extend our warmest congratulations to all the graduates!



Parent representatives on the boarding school committee

We were already able to introduce the newly elected parent representatives of the School Parents' Association to you here in Parents' Letter No. 3. In the meantime, the boarding house communities have also appointed their representatives to the Boarding School Committee. On behalf of everyone involved in our school and boarding school community, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the two outgoing and incoming chairs of the Boarding School Committee, **Mr Erling and Ms Tigler-Terhorst**.

We were delighted by the high turnout at the boarding school's Parents' Day and the constructive discussions that took place. It is a blessing that we can rely on such dedicated parental involvement. **Thank you very much for that!**

Be prepared

Finally, we wish our Scouts a wonderful time at their hiking camp during the first week of the autumn holidays. We are sure that this year, too, the participants are looking forward to this special blend of camaraderie, nature and adventure. No wonder, then, that the hiking camp is almost fully booked.



Reminder: Early start to the Christmas holidays!



Just to be on the safe side, we'd like to remind you once again that your children's holidays will start earlier this year due to the additional staff training day on the last day of school before the Christmas holidays, which is part of the upper school reform.

Lessons will end for students on
Monday, 21 December 2026 at 1.10 pm.

At the same time, our boarders and day boarders will begin their journey home for the holidays. There will be no supervision at the boarding house or day boarding facility after 1.10 pm.

We wish you and your families a restful autumn half-term and look forward to seeing you again on 2 November; we also wish our boarding students a safe journey home on All Saints' Sunday!

Best regards

Dr Markus Oberdörster
Headteacher

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers
Head of Boarding