



## Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

No. 8/2025-26

27 November 2025

Dear Gaesdonckers

We are delighted to welcome the Gaesdonck community back to our traditional

## Advent concert

on Sunday, 14 December 2025  
at 16.00 hrs

We will begin at 4 p.m. in the monastery church with a few spiritual pieces. After a break with refreshments in the foyer, the concert will continue in our auditorium with a short Christmas musical, contributions from our Sextans and Quintans, and performances by aCAGella and the Gaesdonck Big Band. We are sure that the afternoon will be a worthy musical highlight before the Christmas holidays and look forward to welcoming you to this event.



### Correction: Liturgical Night

Attentive readers will have noticed the error that crept into the invitation from our Spiritual director to the Liturgical Night in the last letter to parents. Of course, this will take place on **Saturday, 13 December 2025**.

All other details were correct: the night begins at 9 p.m. with a joint reflection in the monastery church. At around 9.30 p.m., various workshops will follow before everyone meets again at 11.30 p.m. for an atmospheric night-time Eucharist celebration in the monastery church. Afterwards, the night will come to an open end in the canteen.

Boarding, day boarding and external students are equally welcome to attend. For external and day boarding students, the event ends at 1 a.m. Boarding students may stay longer and participate in the closing activities in the houses in accordance with the usual regulations.



### Obituary Walter Zampierco

On the evening of 16 November 2025, Walter Zampierco passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. For years, he was known to Gaesdonck students on lines 14 and 24 as a careful and reliable bus driver.

The funeral service will take place tomorrow in the funeral hall at the cemetery in Kellen.

Our thoughts are with his family. **May he rest in peace.**

### Open Water Diving Course



Some of you may have already seen at the open day in the foyer that we are offering a new campus activity this school year: course instructor David Fuchs will be offering interested Gaesdonck students aged 15 and above a certificate course called **Open Water Diver Brevet**.

With 28 million certifications, the PADI Open Water Diver course is the most popular diving course worldwide. It is considered the international "driver's licence" for the underwater world.

*The beginner's course teaches all the necessary basic skills and lays the foundation for your diving career. Upon successful completion of the training, you will receive the globally recognised Open Water Diver certification. With this certification, you are officially qualified to dive safely and independently with a partner to a maximum depth of 18 metres, participate in advanced diving*

*training, book diving trips and rent diving equipment."*

For anyone interested, an information event will be held next **Tuesday evening, 2 December 2025, at 7 p.m.** in the Latin 2 classroom. Participation is possible in person or via Teams.

Teams link: [Diving information event](#)

The cost of the course is € 599 per person. For further information, please contact Mr Gysbers.

### New accounting system

It is rare for our colleagues from the administration to speak up at this point. However, we are happy to pass on the information that Gaesdonck will be switching to a new accounting system on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.

It is quite possible that there may be some teething problems with this process. In particular, the first direct debits on 1 January 2026 will probably be a little late.

If you notice that no debit has been made in January, or if you notice any other irregularities, our colleagues ask that you simply contact them:

Tel: 02823 961-101 or -106

## Studium Generale: Artificial Intelligence – Opportunities and Risks

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our warm invitation to our Studium Generale on **Wednesday, 3 December at 7 p.m.**

With **Professor Dr Patrick Glauner** from the Deggendorf Institute of Technology, a renowned expert in the field of AI, will be our guest speaker. Last-minute registrations are still possible until the end of the weekend:

[poststelle@gaesdonck.de](mailto:poststelle@gaesdonck.de).



Save the date: Gaesdonck Vintage Day

The first Gaesdonck Vintage Day will take place on **Saturday, 24 January 2026**, starting at 3 p.m. This school flea market, organised entirely by students, offers a wonderful opportunity to find a new home for clothing and many other items that are looking for a new use. The day is intended not only to promote sustainability, but also to strengthen the Gaesdonck community. The students are already working on an extensive supporting programme.

It's a great initiative that we are happy to support.

For a small fee of € 5, you can secure a stall. The registration form can be found in the attachment. As the number of places is limited, you should act quickly. First come, first served.

*We wish you and your families a wonderful weekend. Perhaps we will see you on Wednesday for the Studium Generale? We would be delighted.*

**Dr Markus Oberdörster**  
Director

**Sabine Schleede-Schmalz**  
Headmistress

**Michael Gysbers**  
Boarding School Director

# Gaesdonck Vintage Day



Collegium Augustinianum  
**GAESDONCK**  
Bischöfliches Internatsgymnasium



## Einladung zum Gaesdoncker Vintage Day

Liebe Eltern, liebe Schülerinnen und Schüler,

am **24. Januar 2026 ab 15.00 Uhr** veranstalten wir den Gaesdoncker Vintage Day, einen Flohmarkt, den wir selbst organisieren und zu dem wir alle Schülerinnen und Schüler sowie Eltern herzlich einladen möchten. Der Flohmarkt bietet eine tolle Gelegenheit, nicht mehr benötigte Dinge weiterzugeben, Platz zu schaffen und gleichzeitig anderen eine Freude zu machen.

Alle, die teilnehmen möchten, können sich über dieses Anmeldeformular einen Verkaufsstand sichern. Verkauft werden darf tischgerechte Flohmarktware, wie Kleidung und Accessoires, Schmuck, Bücher, Spielwaren und Haushalts- sowie Dekorationsartikel.

Wenn du mitmachen möchtest, fülle bitte das untenstehende Anmeldeformular aus und gib es bis zum 19.12.2025 im Schulbüro ab, damit die rechtzeitige Planung erfolgen kann und allen ein passender Platz zugeteilt werden kann.

Wir freuen uns auf viele Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer und auf einen fröhlichen, erfolgreichen Gaesdoncker Vintage Day!

Das Vintage Day-Team



## Anmeldung – Gaesdoncker Vintage Day am 24.01.2026

Hiermit reserviere ich einen Stand:

Name		
Klasse		
Telefon und E-Mail		

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☐ Bücher

☐ Spielwaren

☐ Haushalts-/Dekorationsartikel

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