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## Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers

We hope you and your children have had a good start to the summer holidays. In this first week of the holidays, we would like to send you warm greetings from an empty Gaesdonck campus to conclude this school year with a brief look back at the last few eventful days.

### Jubilee pilgrimage 2024 - Then we'll bring the sunshine ourselves...

Despite the rain, we were able to bring our school year to a worthy close with the somewhat reorganised pilgrimage to Kevelaer. After a few impulses and stations here on the Gaesdoncker Campus during the morning, we finally made our way in a large procession through the centre of Kevelaer to the basilica, where Bishop Felix Genn was already waiting for us. There, the entire school community bathed the interior in a cheerful red light. After the service, Bishop Felix was very impressed by the presence of our students and gave us all many good wishes for the future.



As always, you can find more pictures in the [news](#) section of our homepage. You can find the link to the German TV "WDR-Lokalzeit" report [here](#). (from min 6:20)





### Gaesdonck Prom 2024 - it was a party for us!

We didn't let a few drops of rain spoil the good mood at the Gaesdonck prom either. More than 1,500 former and current students, colleagues and parents enjoyed a festive atmosphere in the lovingly decorated rooms of the main school building and the beautifully illuminated monastery garden. The whole evening was characterised by a cheerful reunion and our current Year 10 to Q1 students also experienced for the first time the cohesion that can connect Gaesdonckers across generations. How nice that so many of you were there. You can find many [pictures](#) in the usual place.





## Sponsored run on Sports Day



There was also a good atmosphere on Sports Day on the Friday before last. We can only assume whether the (unfortunately clear) victory of the students against the teachers in beach volleyball had an effect on the motivation to run from. What we can objectively determine, however, is the fantastic result: our students ran a total of **3,551 laps** of around 1 km for a good cause. The Quintans came out on top twice. The best class result was achieved by 6a with 295 laps run. The best individual result with an impressive 20 laps was achieved by **Vincent Muskat** from 6c. Congratulations lichen Glückwunsch!



Now it's time to pay: The amounts raised will be collected after the summer holidays.

## State finals for schools in swimming and triathlon

Mr Heidemeyer was able to register two Gaesdonck teams for the state finals of the schools in sport on 25 June in Duisburg sem year. One for the triathlon and one team that had qualified for the junior swimming event.





Nine boys took part in the swimming competition, all of whom performed well. In the high-class competition, Matti Flinterhoff, Moritz Seltmann, Anton Wülfing, Henry Wint huis, Lennert Winthuis, Malte Seltmann, Linus Hagen, Matthias Fichthorn and Nils Bauten finished in a good sixth place.

Moritz, Matti and Lennard also took part in the triathlon in the afternoon, where the girls Maja Czogalla, Anni Flinterhoff and Hanna Lange completed the team.

200 m swimming, 3 km cycling and 1 km running had to be completed by everyone. Out of 17 participating schools, our Gaesdonck students also achieved a good sixth place in this discipline.

**Congratulations** to all participants on their good performances!



## freestyle-physics



We already reported on this in the previous letter to parents: This year, seven groups of students from our school took part in the freestyle physics competition organised by the Faculty of Physics at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The groups worked on five tasks to choose from: "Duisburg harbour crane", "free-kick machine", "mousetrap boat", "chain reaction" and "water rocket". The competition at the University of Duisburg-Essen was clearly a lot of fun. Some of them want to take part in the competition again next year .



We are a little proud to report that two of the groups won the special prize in their category for creativity tegory. One of the groups was even interviewed by a camera team at . You can watch the report on [YouTube](#).

## Stay vigilant!

At the beginning of the week, a student from Goch Grammar School was approached on his way home from a car and asked if he would like to get in. Nothing happened. The student reacted correctly and drove away. Nevertheless, this incident reminds us to keep reminding our children that, unfortunately, not everyone means well with everyone.

The information letter from colleagues at Goch Grammar School to their parents is attached for your information. We expressly endorse the therein included behavioural tips given by the police. Please discuss the contents with your children again in a suitable form.

## Farewell and departure

Like every year, the end of the school year is also a time for saying goodbye and starting afresh.

We therefore wish Mr **Jörg Rose**, a long-serving and deserving colleague, a relaxing and blessed retirement and Mrs **Ann Christin Linden** and Mrs **Laureen van Gee** a good start and every success in their new roles elsewhere.

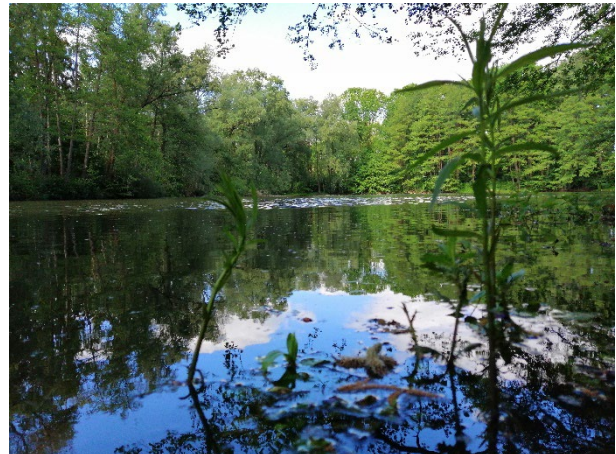
We wish Mr **Marco van Bentum** lots of fun teaching here at Gaesdonck again after his return from many years of parental leave. It's great to have you back in the team.

We will also be able to close the vacancies in boarding school education at the beginning of the coming school year. We sincerely wish Mrs **Karina Bienemann** a good parental leave in her growing family. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs **Karina Lachmann** as the new boarding school pedagogue at Haus Georg.

*As every year, we are now leaving our campus to our colleagues in administration, crafts, gardening and housekeeping, who will, as always, use the summer holidays to prepare everything for the coming school year. There is a lot to do. Many thanks to all colleagues involved!*

*We wish you all, your families and loved ones a relaxing time during the holidays ahead. Have a good time and enjoy the big and small wonders of life, which fortunately surround us in abundance.*

*We would like to bid a fond farewell to all parents who are receiving a Gaesdonck parents' letter for the last time today. For everyone else: After the game is before the game. In just a few days, you will receive the usual "first parents' letter" of the new school year with important information regarding about the start of next academic term. And as much as we love you - we promise at this point that you won't hear from us again until the first day of school...*



*Yours sincerely*

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Director

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Boarding school Director

# Städtisches Gymnasium Goch



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Liebe Erziehungsberechtigte,

gestern ist ein Schüler unserer Schule auf seinem Nachhauseweg, als er mit seinem Fahrrad an der Ampel Ostring/Kalkarer Straße wartete, aus einem Auto heraus angesprochen worden, ob er nicht einsteigen und kleine Kaninchen anschauen möchte. Der Schüler ist darauf nicht eingegangen, sondern hat richtig reagiert und ist weggefahren.

Wir befinden uns in engem Austausch mit der Polizei. Die Polizei rät, die bekannten Verhaltensregeln zu beachten, bittet Sie jedoch im Interesse der Kinder, Ruhe zu bewahren und vor allem, Ihre Kinder nicht zu verängstigen. Die folgenden Verhaltenstipps der Polizei können mit Kindern besprochen werden, ohne sie einzuschüchtern.

- *Gehe mit Freunden oder Klassenkameraden zusammen - gemeinsam seid Ihr stark und die Wege sind sicherer!*
- *Benutze möglichst immer die gleichen Wege - so kennst Du Dich gut aus und weißt, wo Du im Notfall Hilfe finden kannst!*
- *Sage laut und deutlich was Du nicht willst - habe auch Erwachsenen gegenüber Mut zu sagen "Lassen Sie mich in Ruhe!"*
- *Tritt auf keinen Fall an Fahrzeuge heran - Fragen von Autofahrern können von Erwachsenen beantwortet werden!*
- *Mach auf dich aufmerksam, wenn Du Dich bedroht fühlst - schrei laut und gehe direkt zu anderen Personen, um Dir Hilfe zu holen!*
- *Weglaufen ist nicht feige - wenn Du Dich abwendest und gehst, schaffst Du Abstand!*
- *Wenn kein anderer Erwachsener in der Nähe ist, sprich Kinder an! Schrei laut um Hilfe!*
- *Du kannst in Notfällen jederzeit über Handy oder aus einer Telefonzelle den Polizeinotruf 110 anrufen. Das geht auch ohne Handykarte oder Münzen.*
- *Wenn Dir auf dem Schulweg etwas verdächtig vorgekommen ist, solltest Du es sofort Deinen Lehrern und Deinen Eltern erzählen!*
- *Überlege mit Deinen Eltern, in welchem Geschäft Du auf Deinem Schulweg Hilfe im Notfall finden kannst!*
- *Halte Dich an Absprachen mit Deinen Eltern und sei möglichst pünktlich, damit Deine Eltern wissen, dass sie sich auf Dich verlassen können und sich keine unnötigen Sorgen machen.*

(Quelle: <https://www.presseportal.de/blaulicht/pm/65851/5763815>;  
s.a. <https://aachen.polizei.nrw/artikel/verdaechtiges-ansprechen-von-kindern-0>)

Wir haben alle Gocher Schulen über den Vorfall informiert und stehen auch in engem Austausch mit dem Schulträger.

Es ist wichtig, dass wir alle gemeinsam handeln zum Wohle der Kinder.

Für Rückfragen stehen wir zur Verfügung.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Michael Janßen

Dr. Christoph Peters