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## Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Dear Gaesdonckers,

Our **Deeper Learning week** is in full swing with a variety of events and yet the approaching autumn holidays are becoming more and more apparent. After the first major phase of exams and class work, everyone involved certainly deserves it. Your children just as much as the colleagues here on site. But before we say goodbye to the holidays, we would like to share a few events from the last few days with you and ask you to take note of the following information.

### That was a party!

Minutes of standing ovations and loud applause were the reward for the students who gave us a very special treat with the workshop concert on the Sunday before last. It was impressive and an experience that got under the skin of the audience, as the young musicians immersed the monastery church in ever new soundscapes with just a few voices and instruments and without any electronic amplification, building up individual works piece by piece until a powerful, harmonious whole emerged from a few voices.



As always, you can find a report with lots of pictures at in the [news section](#) of our website and a very short [audio sample](#) is already available on our YouTube channel at . Over the next few weeks, we will publish a few more pieces from the concert there.

So it's best to subscribe to the channel right away!



### We are proud of you!

With the second largest group of runners ever to take part in the Berlin Skate Marathon, Gaesdonck also made history from the perspective of the Berlin organisers in its anniversary year. Our group of runners, consisting of our current Upper Primary (Q2), many alumni and even parents, were greeted by name before the start. Not without good reason: after all, **175 years of Gaesdonck, 15 years of Gaesdonck's participation in the skate marathon** and **50 years of the Berlin Marathon** came together. Throughout the day, not only the runners fer, but also the numerous fans and "supporters" who had travelled with us in our purple jerseys were eye-catching splashes of colour in the centre of Berlin. You can find a detailed report by Sophia Scuderi and Lia Stenmans with lots of pictures in the [news section](#).

We would also like to take this opportunity to **congratulate** all participants! Many thanks to everyone who, together with Pawel Zalewski, put their heart and soul into organising this extraordinary spectacle.





### Advanced Class Business Economics certificate ceremony

The graduates of the Advanced Class Business Economics of the 2022-2024 class can also be justifiably proud of themselves. Under the direction of Mr Bours, they spent two years attending 138 lessons in the modules Soft Skills, IT, Business Ethics and Business English in addition to the material covered in the upper school. They have now received three certificates for this: the Gaesdonck certificate, a certificate of attendance from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Duisburg-Wesel-Kleve and a language certificate in business English from Cambridge University. Congratulations to all graduates!



### Weimar excursion for the German and History classes



The students on the German and History advanced courses also returned from their trip to Weimar with a wealth of impressions. In addition to a guided tour of the city and a visit to the Goethe National Museum, Weimar is of course always associated with the history of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Silence. Consternation. Against forgetting.



### Lost property office

Our lost property office is once again overflowing.

We will be displaying the lost property in our foyer all day today on **Wednesday, 09.10.24** from the first big break until the day after tomorrow, **Friday, 11.10.24** up to and including the first big break. We would be very happy if you find missing items here like of and the items are returned to their owners!

Uncollected items will be donated to charity after the autumn holidays.



### Gaesdonck becomes a film location

Over the next few days, Gaesdonck will not only be a school and boarding school, but also a film location. Klara Schmickler, a 2015 Gaesdonck graduate, is at the end of her film studies and will be shooting some scenes of her graduation film "Spreu & Weizen" here. You can find a project description in the appendix.

The day-to-day running of the school or boarding school is hardly affected by this. However, the director would like to have two "swarm scenes" in which students can be seen (out of focus) in the background: These will be filmed tomorrow, Thursday

- during the second break in the foyer and
- around 1.00 pm in the canteen

filmed. Please discuss with your children whether it is okay for them and of course for you as parents if you can be seen in the background of the film. **If you do not want this, please ask your children to avoid these areas at these two times.** If students are particularly interested in the film work or would even like to take part in individual scenes as extras (provided they are of legal age), they are invited to contact the film team at speak.

### Many thanks and all the best!

Unfortunately, Mrs Verrieth will be leaving us on 31.10.2024, so a timetable revision is necessary. There will therefore be **a new timetable from 04.11.2024.**

We wish Mrs Verrieth all the best and every success in her future career.

### Information on arrivals of boarding students

As the responsible house pedagogues are not always on duty on the arrival Sundays, we would like to ask you to always send information in the event of a delay or no-show to the email distribution list [anreise@gaesdonck.de](mailto:anreise@gaesdonck.de) in future. In this way, we can ensure that your information reaches the respective pedagogue on duty directly.

### Parents' Day at the boarding houses

We were delighted that so many parents and students from our boarding and day boarding community took part in the traditional Parents' Day at Gaesdonck last Sunday. After the joint church service in the Gaesdonck monastery church, the parents' representatives for the boarding houses committee were elected in the respective house communities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both last year's boarding school representatives and the newly elected ones for their willingness to help shape boarding school life together. Special thanks go to **Mr Erling and Mrs Tigler-Terhorst**, who have agreed to chair the boarding houses committee again this year.

We are very fortunate to have received such a high level of commitment and interest again this year. We are therefore very pleased to invite the elected parent representatives of the boarding houses to the first **hybrid boarding school committee meeting** of this electoral term on **Monday, 11 November 2024 at 5.00 pm.** You can therefore attend this meeting both digitally and in person. Due to the pedagogical conferences, this day is a study day for the students. Students at the boarding school can arrive from 5.00 pm on this day. The agenda will be sent separately to those elected.

### Reminder: Note on the start of the holidays

On Friday, 11.10.2024, **there will be no afternoon lessons and no day boarding activities** due to the start of the autumn holidays. Boarding students will leave for their holidays after the 6th lesson.

## Farewell and appointment of tutors

It is a good tradition that the new tutors of the respective houses are elected around the autumn holidays and inducted into office during a ceremonial assembly hall event. We would like to thank the students who have held this office over the past year and congratulate them on their election:



- **House Aquila:** Nicole Muhire and Louisa Linnemann
- **Haus Phönix:** Linus Hecker and Paul Wolf
- **Aurora House:** Lilith Kamprich and Franziska Belz
- **Quadrum House:** Rainer van Leuven and Finn Buchert
- **House Navona:** Amber Honl and Katharina Elenz
- **House Capitol:** Deniz Oynak and Eric Xu
- **House Tilia:** Madelaine Weber and Malou Büns
- **Orbis House:** Rafael Sackmann and Alexander Johnssen
- **House Montecassino:** Hannes Hagdorn and Jan de Beyer

## Musical film premiere



After the fantastic four performances of our musical "**Eternity is not enough**" in May this year, many are already waiting impatiently for the promised film. The time has finally come:

On **30 November at 7.00 pm**, the big musical film premiere will take place on the big screen in our assembly hall.

Tickets for this at a cash price of € 5 can now be purchased at the front of our administration office and directly from Mr Verhülsdonk. Due to high demand, advance reservations are unfortunately not possible. Be there - it's worth it!

## Concert programme

Due to the accumulation of events in this anniversary year, there will be no Advent concert this year. The Bundeswehr Air Force charity concert in aid of the Lachen helfen e.V. association will also not take place until the spring. As always, we will announce the date in good time.

But we still have a special treat for you:

## It's going to be a party! - Big anniversary concert Gaesdonck 175

We will end our anniversary year "175 years of Gaesdonck" on **16 and 17 November** with one last big musical highlight.



At our big anniversary concert, what is probably the largest ensemble ever to perform in our auditorium takes a musical look back at the past years: over 160 students, colleagues and numerous rich alumni come together once again at to perform pieces from the Big Band repertoire, musicals, the pilgrimage to Rome, our school anthem and much more together on stage.

The run on tickets has already begun. Don't miss out on this special son event and book your tickets at the following link :

[Anniversary concert 175 years of Gaesdonck - The Gaesdonck](#)

We look forward to ending our anniversary year together with you.

*We wish your children a few more good pre-holiday days. We wish you and your families a relaxing autumn holiday. We look forward to seeing your children again in good health on Monday morning, 28 October or on arrival on Sunday evening, 27 October.*

*With best regards*

Dr Markus Oberdörster  
Director  
school

Sabine Schleede-Schmalz  
Headmistress

Michael Gysbers  
Head of boarding



## Appendix: Film project "Chaff & Wheat"

# SPREU & WEIZEN (AT)

Fachhochschule Dortmund  
University of Applied Sciences and Arts

→ Master Abschlussfilm von Klara Schmickler | Drehbuch + Regie  
Bachelor Abschlussfilm von Greta Blaudzun | Kamera

**Genre:** Fiktion, Drama  
**Filmlänge:** ca. 30 min  
**Format:** 4:3, digital, Farbe  
**Drehzeitraum:** 11 Drehtage (10.10.-04.11.2024)  
**Postproduktion:** Januar-Juli 2025  
**Cast:** Victor Ijdens, Emily Lück  
**Betreuung:** Prof. Oliver Schwabe  
Prof. Sandra Hacker

**Inhalt:**  
Das Coming-of-age Drama erkundet jugendliche Neugier und das Gefühl, nicht zu wissen, was richtig und was falsch ist. Die Geschichte stellt Fragen nach Zugehörigkeit und Identität, nach Moral und Gerechtigkeit. Sie erzählt von einer Annäherung von zwei unterschiedlichen Welten und Figuren in Zeiten, in denen wir uns zunehmend voneinander abgrenzen.

**Victor Ijdens**  
Ensemblemitglied am Schauspielhaus Bochum  
Absolvent der Amsterdamer Akademie für Theater + Tanz  
Nominiert zum 'Louis D'Or'

**Emily Lück**  
Ensemblemitglied am Rottstraße-Theater  
Spielerfahrung am Schauspielhaus Bochum

**Klara Schmickler**  
B.A. Design MSD Münster  
Gewinner 'bester Kurzfilm' Berlin Film Week  
Nominiert zum deutschen Menschenrechtsfilmpreis

**Greta Blaudzun**  
Gewinner 'Publikumspreis' Hofer Filmtage  
Gewinner 'bester Kurzfilm' Filmfestival Unna

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