



Dear parents and legal guardians of Gesamtschule Münster Mitte,

with this letter we would like to inform you about the developments and events of the last half-year and provide an outlook for the upcoming school year.

Developments in our concept: In the 2022/23 school year, we initiated our ESD goal by introducing three hours of "Gemm4future" on Fridays for Year 5, which we successfully extended to Year 6 this school year following a positive evaluation. After successfully evaluation the project in Year 5 this year, the School Conference approved its extension to Years 7 and 8. Therefore, we are pleased to offer three GeMM4Future hours in the upcoming Years 5, 6, and 7, with plans for extending it to Year 8 in the future.

Additionally, we are currently exploring interdisciplinary work, such as examining the same topic from the perspectives of two subjects. The University of Osnabrück evaluated the skills of our Year 5 students in digital and self-responsible learning under the DEISEL project, providing us with positive results and additional support materials. We aim to continue collaborating with this network involving many schools from the region and Osnabrück university. In the upper school we have agreed upon a common feedback form for academic papers and presentations, supporting a comprehensive, criteria-led, and transparent assessment. Currently, we are also evaluating experiences with alternative test formats in Secondary Levels I and II and we intend to further develop in this area. On June 6th we called upon the entire school community to participate in the initiative: #Ich steh auf - Schools for Democracy and Diversity#. All students displayed self-made posters on our schoolyard, taking a stand for democracy and against discrimination.

School organizational matters: The start of the semester was marked by a special event as we bid farewell to our school principal Kathi Kösters after many years of dedicated service, during which she significantly shaped GeMM. Kathi Kösters established and advanced the school, consistently delivering outstanding work in every aspect. As she transitions to the District Government of Münster, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her invaluable contribution to the school, respectful demeanor, and professionalism in her work.

With her departure we are restructuring: Werner Schlopker, our deputy school principal, receiving optimum support by Ulli Thöne, the current head teacher of didactics.

Enrollments in February were very positive. As in previous years we had to decline many applications for both Year 5 and the upper school and we now look forward to welcoming 108 new students in the upcoming Year 5 and approximately 90 students in the new introductory phase (EF) of the upper school. Next school year, some new teachers will join our team: Astrid Brunnenberg (Mathematics and Pedagogy), Melina Oeding (English and German), Julia Kühl (Biology and English), Jonas Vering (German and Pedagogy), and Arne Gonzales (Mathematics and Sports). We bid farewell to Reinhard Weitkamp (Head of Department 8 to 10), Bernd Sendker (teacher), and Marion Domberg from the administration department, who will all start at the new Gesamtschule West in Roxel, "GeMW". We wish them all the best and look forward to close collaboration. Sven Vogelsang, our caretaker, is also moving to another school, and we sincerely thank him for his excellent service.

Currently, Mareike Dege, Jenny Jordan, and Julia Göcken-Zwick are on parental leave, being replaced by substitute teachers. Additionally, the canteen team welcomes new faces: Florian Senge, a former GeMM student, alongside Desiree Schröder now lead the kitchen team, introducing excellent new recipes. We extend our gratitude to them! As every year, all members of staff collaborated conceptually in Oberwerries in early June and we look forward to starting the new school year vigorously and innovatively with a well-staffed and multi-professional team after the summer break.

School development this year: Throughout this year, we have enthusiastically carried out numerous projects, excursions, retreats and graduation ceremonies. Alongside outstanding performances by our drama group and literature course, one cultural highlight was the "Kunst5" evening, where the school community's joy in expression was palpable - our heartfelt thanks goes to the entire organizing team and all participants of this evening! Numerous awards enrich our school community: We achieved first places in various competitions, such as "Jugend debattiert" (Youth Debates), the Federal Competition "Demokratisch Handeln" (Democratic Action) with a podcast, and the art competition "Europa" with a student's artwork. These successes showcase the diverse interests and talents of our students, whom we are very proud of. We are also proud of the "Special Assignment" of our upper school students on the topic of "Witch Hunts in Münster" and the students of the talent development project in Year 6, who confidently presented their expert work to a large audience at Münster Schloss in mid-June. We have been on the move extensively! Class trips to Haltern, Damme, Berlin, and the study trip to Krakow greatly enriched our school life and community. Thanks to Erasmus+, we also traveled to Finland, Spain, France, Croatia, and the Netherlands. We thank our colleagues for their excellent organization, enabling many students to gain unique experiences and broaden their horizons. Lastly, our project week resulted in the "Grüne Sause", a presentation of all projects, a flea market and food courts. Our sincere thanks to all contributors, especially

the members of the support association who made this project week finale possible and continually support our projects. Without the support association many of our projects would not have been realized! We extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents of the school board for their conceptual support. Your critical, constructive feedback contributes significantly to our collective progress. The rapid and valuable exchange with the board is a crucial part of our successful collaboration with parents. We would like to draw your attention to our website and the "News" section. There, you will gain a comprehensive insight into the diverse activities conducted by our classes, year levels, and faculties.

Outlook: The new school year begins with a vacant head of department position for Years 8 - 10. As we place great importance on meticulous personnel planning we have temporarily reinforced all school leadership roles. Manuel van Megen and Lisa Brentjes support the department of Years 8 - 10. Similarly, there is an interim arrangement in the department of Years 5 - 7 due to the current head, Mareike Dege, being on parental leave. Anne Pack will be your main contact here. We sincerely thank all of them for their great efforts and support. For an overview of who to contact at our school for specific matters, please visit our website under "Contact Overview". You will also find all school community events listed there.

We will continue to work towards our goals in school development: promoting skills in self-organized and digital learning, advocating for democracy and against discrimination and supporting connections with partner schools abroad. We will also focus on health promotion, joining the extensive network "Education and Health".

We look forward to an eventful new school year 2024/25, especially the enriching encounters with our students and the exceptional cooperation within our team. Thanks to the entire "SchulGeMeinschaft" for their commitment this school year!

Best regards on behalf of the entire team



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