

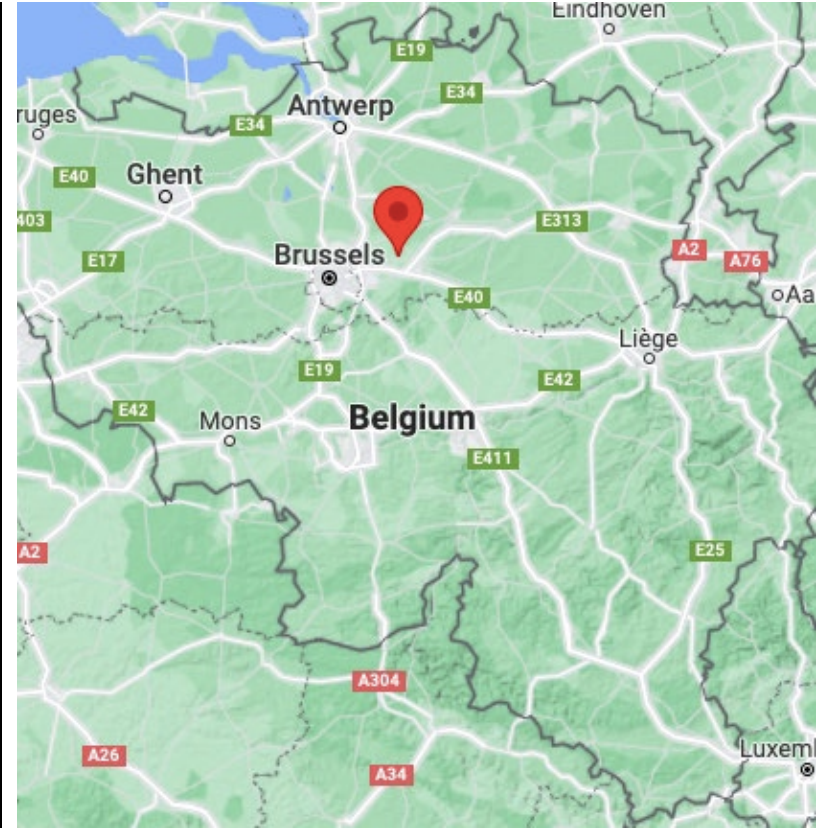


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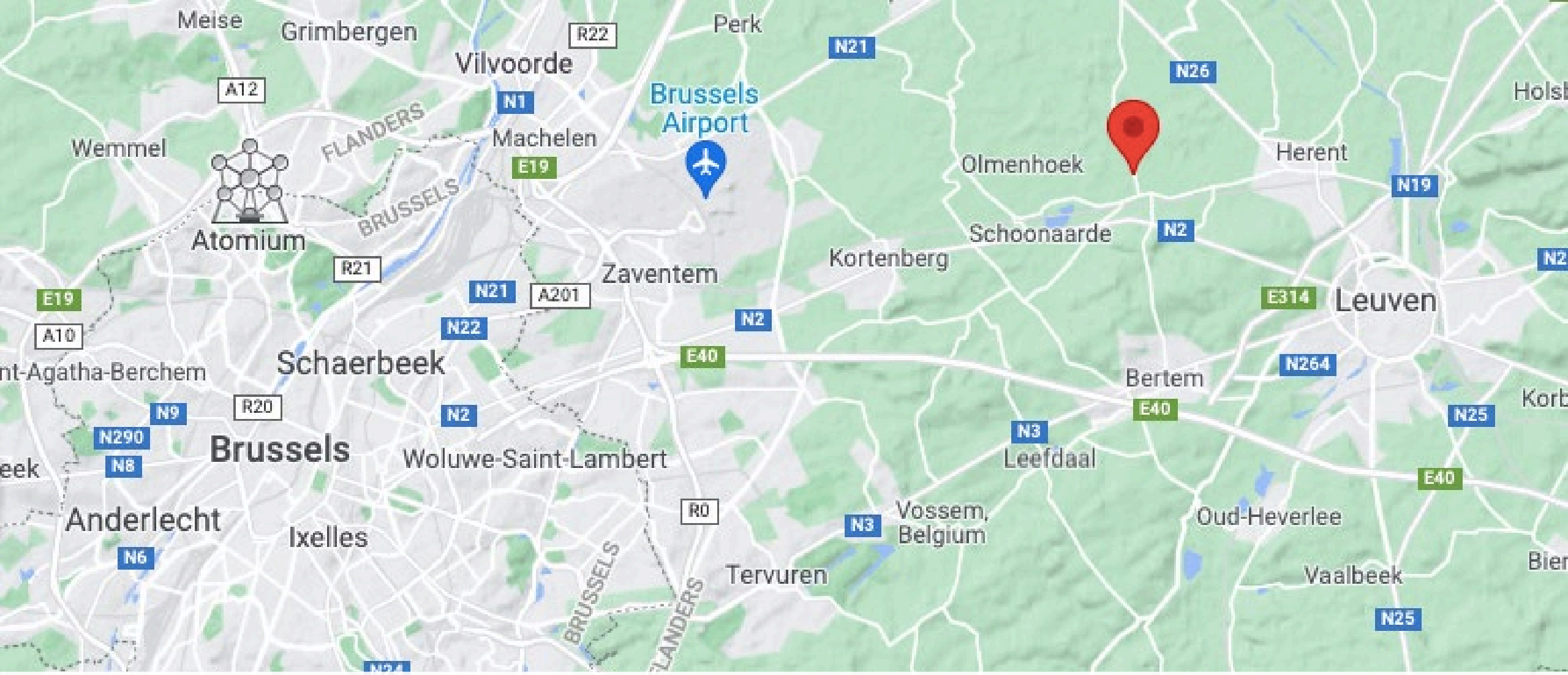
A new school in Veltem-Beisem,
Belgium.

PDC

1. What is Veltem-Beisem?
2. Who was Pastor De Clerck?
3. What makes him significant?
4. The importance of cultural heritage
5. Why do we want to build a school here?
6. Pupil participation



Location



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Veltem-Beisem



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"Beyssem" and "Velthem", Ferraris map, 1770's.

Pastor Petrus Jacobus De Clerck (1742-1831)

- Moved from the Western part of Flanders to study in Leuven



Pastor Petrus Jacobus De Clerck

- Becomes a pastor in 1770 in Veltem
- Buys a house in 1785 and founds the first "school van barmhartigheid" (school of mercy).



Pastor Petrus Jacobus De Clerck

- French revolution (starts in 1789) and Brabant revolution (1790)
- Pastor De Clerck continues his work and becomes archpriest in 1798



Pastor Petrus Jacobus De Clerck

- Imprisoned in 1799 in Cambrai (France)



Pastor Petrus Jacobus De Clerck

- Released in 1800
- Continues to establish schools for the children in need until his death



What was Pastor De Clerck's vision?

Free education for the poor kids of the parish, teaching them how to write, read, weave, sew, knit, draw and flay hemp and flax.

He believed in the importance of teaching them the ways of Christianity, personal hygiene and to love working hard.

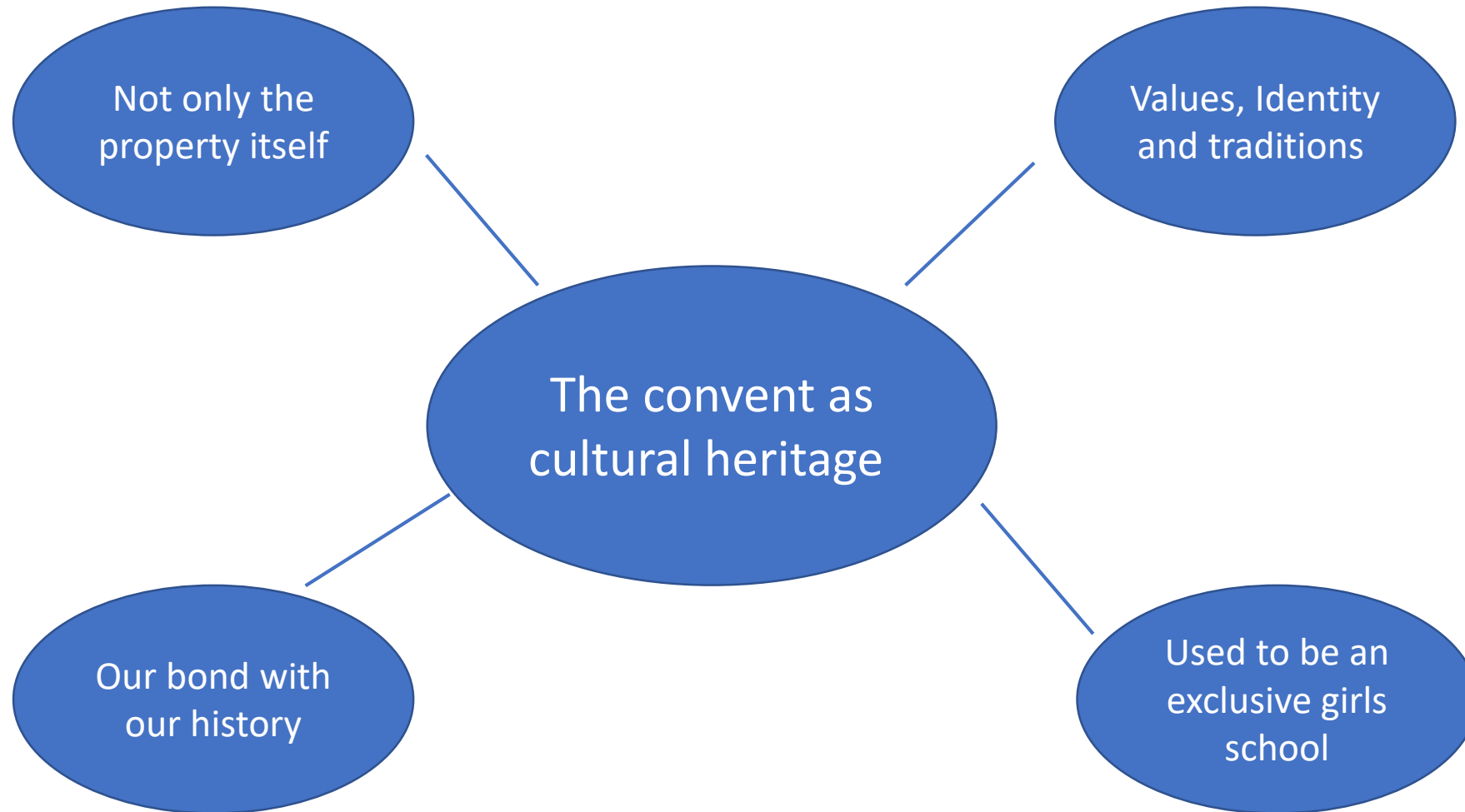
He provided soup every school day for 40 of the poorest kids in his parish.

What was Pastor De
Clerck's vision?

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In the 21st century?

Cultural Heritage

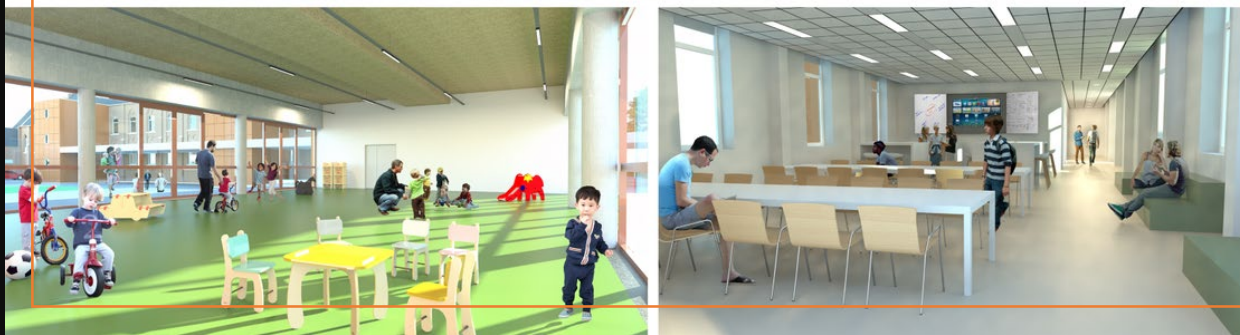


Importance to students

- Awareness about our cultural heritage and our connection to the past.
- Understanding cultural diversity and developing mutual respect.
- Stimulation at a young age.



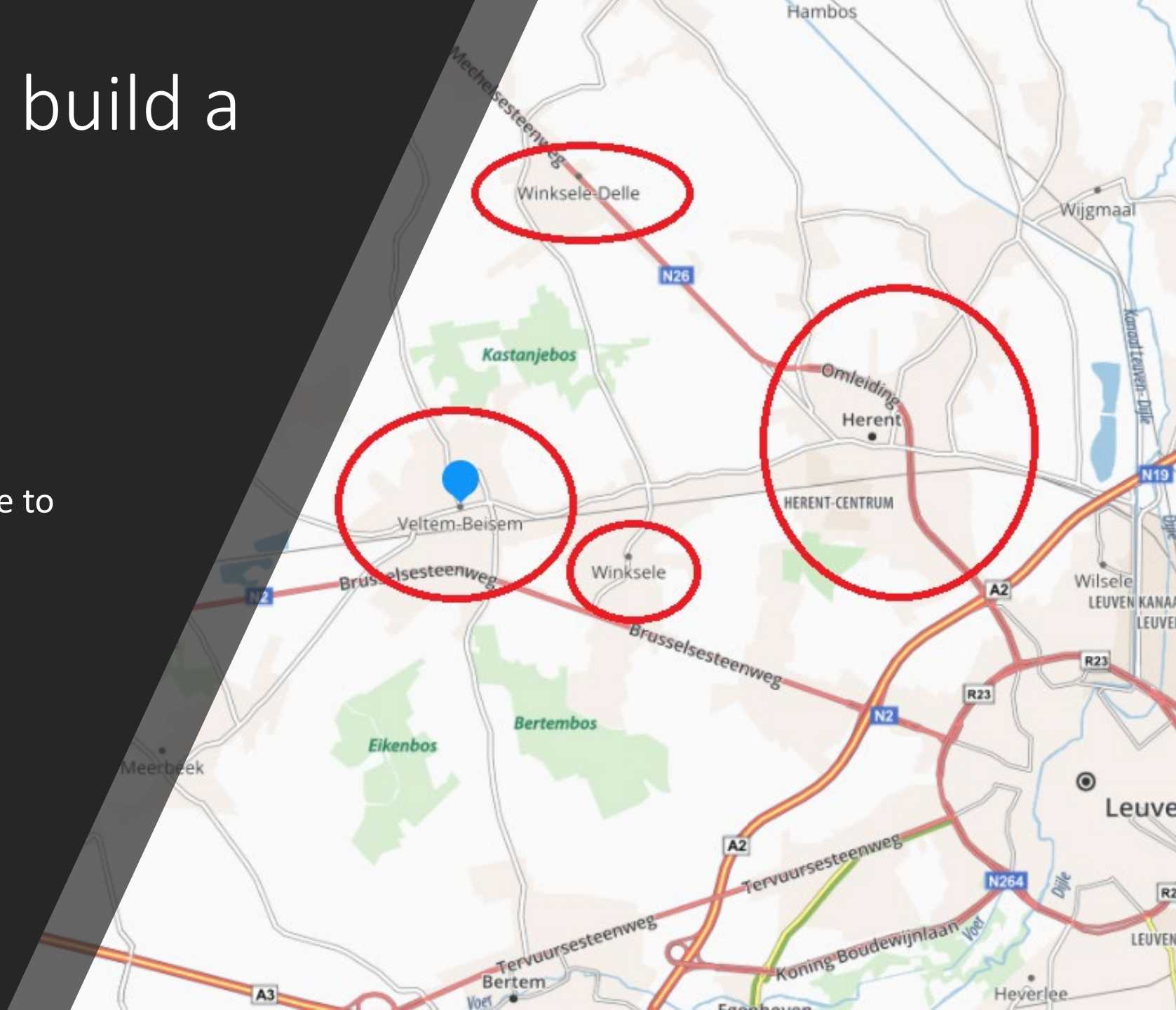
From convent to
school



Why would we build a school here?

Practical reasons:

Kids from these area do not have to go into Leuven.



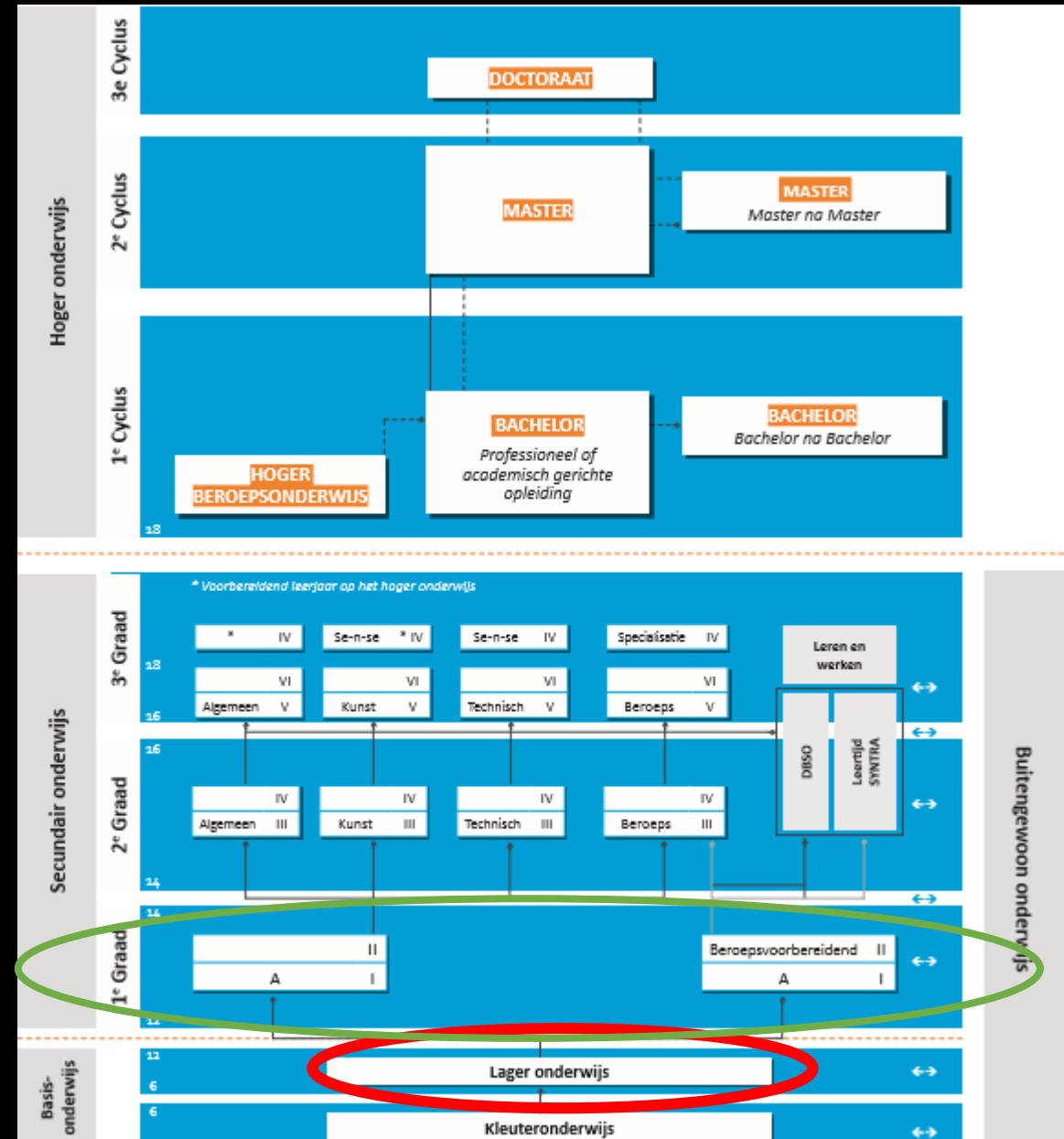
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Logical reasons:

This school will provide the next part of the Flemish curriculum.

New school

PDC school currently



Why would we build a school here?

Spiritual / Heritage reasons:

PDC is a part of Veltem. The convent buildings and the Order of the Annunciation are a part of Veltem.

All of this heritage is a part of Veltem.

The best possible way to keep Pastor De Clerck's vision alive is by inspiring young minds to be a little bit like Pastor De Clerck.



How are we going
to do all of this?

Pupil participation

Lane 1 & lane 2

Lane 1

We develop a collection of interactive lessons in which the pupils of the PDC primary school will get to know PDC in an approachable manner.

They will create a presentation to the public about the history and spirituality of PDC.

They will present this around his celebration day in January 2022.***

To be determined

The pupils will host a guided walk (provided by the Heritage group) through Veltem. They will guide the public around multiple heritage sites, stopping at 4 points to present the sites.

Lane 2

We will develop a website on which the pupils of the primary school will place multiple videos on PDC's history and spirituality.

They will create infographics on the physical heritage that is currently present in the cloister and will remain present when the school opens.

These infographics will be presented on mobile devices through a QR code that visitors and future students can scan with their mobile phones.