September 2008

Dear Parents,

Year 11 will no doubt be a testing one for your son/daughter as well as parents, brothers and sisters. The demands of homework, coursework, revision, mock exams and next summer the real thing, can be stressful for students which in turn can have implications for relationships at home and in school.

I have received a copy of a booklet entitled '**GCSE, What Can Parents Do? 101 Tips To Ensure Success'**. The booklet is produced by Julie Casey an educational psychologist with four children who have all undertaken GCSEs.

The booklet offers parents and their children a comprehensive and practical guide through the GCSE course. It includes a wealth of tried and practical and 'do-able' tips and ideas to support parents in supporting their children through their GCSEs.

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet at only £2.50 per copy, please complete **REPLY SLIP 1** below and return it to the box called **GCSE Parent Booklet which will be outside the Finance Office. Please make cheques payable to Beaumont School with your son / daughter name and form on the reverse.**

A key date that is on the horizon for your son / daughter is the mock examinations which take place between **November 17th and 27th**. Your son/ daughter will be receiving a revision pack to help them prepare for the mocks and I encourage them to take these exams seriously and spend time looking back over material/topics they have covered so far in Years 10 and 11.

Short blocks of time, 20-25 minutes, with breaks in between can be a very effective way of revising with note making of the key points in a way that best suits each student. Time spent revising for the mock exams will not be wasted and every opportunity to look back at material will help students become very familiar with it.

Can I also ask that you continue the regular weekly look at your son/daughter's homework planner to see how things are going. It will be very rarely in Year 11 that your son/daughter will not be set homework so if you have any doubts whether homework is or isn't being set in a particular subject please do make contact.

Throughout the examination period students must attend in full school uniform. When they do not have examinations, they will be allowed to study at home. The games activities for this period will not take place.

Normal timetable will resume for all students on **Monday 1st December 2008**.

Please complete REPLY SLIP 2 below and return it to me via your son/daughter's form teacher. It is vitally important that the slip is returned promptly. Study leave will not be authorised for your son/daughter unless I have received the completed return slip.

Yours sincerely

R Osborne
Head of Year 11

REPLY SLIP 1 **Return to: GCSE Parent Booklet Box outside the The Finance Office**

Student Name: _____ Form:_____

I would like to order a copy of 'GCSE, What Can Parents Do? 101 Tips To Ensure Success' at a cost of £2.50. I attach /enclose a cheque for £2.50 (made payable to Beaumont School)

Signed:……parent/carer Date:…….

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REPLY SLIP 2 **Return to: Mr R Osborne, Head of Year 11 via Form Tutor**
RE: STUDY LEAVE FOR YEAR 11 REHEARSAL EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2008

Student Name: _____ Form:_____

I *do/do not wish my *son/daughter to have study leave from school on the dates mentioned above.
I *do/do not wish my *son/daughter to be supervised in school on those dates *(* please delete as applicable)*

Signed .....……parent/carer Date .....