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Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope your child is excited to be joining Beaumont later this year. As you will be aware from the welcome letter sent earlier this month, we are introducing a 1:1 device programme for students joining us in Year 7 in September 2026. This means we are asking parents/carers to equip their child with a Chromebook. At Beaumont, we believe in a broad, balanced, and rigorous curriculum that prepares students for future opportunities while delivering the highest quality of education. Technology is a valuable tool in education, but it is not a substitute for expert teaching or traditional learning methods. Every student having access to a Chromebook will allow us to build on the high quality provision we provide for our students, and help them develop the digital skills they will require to thrive now and in the future. This includes the national proposals to introduce digital examinations from 2030. Clearly, not addressing this now could put our students at a significant disadvantage when sitting their GCSEs. We see this as an exciting step that carefully aligns with our philosophy of using technology only where it adds clear value to learning.

Our 1:1 device scheme is designed to enhance and support learning, ensuring all students have consistent access to a device at school and at home. We have given careful consideration to making this change, but we strongly believe that our plan will deliver a measured and phased approach to integrating technology, ensuring its purposeful application throughout the curriculum. For example, we anticipate typical best practice would see devices used for specific parts of lessons only, where there is an identified need.

We are pleased to have partnered with Freedom Tech to launch our 1:1 device programme. This service provides a high-quality, education-focused device, complete with warranty and repair cover, and flexible payment options spread over time. Devices purchased through the scheme are fully configured for school use, ensuring a safe and seamless experience from the outset. We understand that purchasing a device is a significant investment, but we see this as a purchase with long-term value for your child's education, with the Chromebook designed to last throughout their time at school, for use both in school and learning at home. Full information from Freedom Tech, alongside more detail on our plans, including frequently asked questions, will be made available via our website at the beginning of next term. We will write to you as soon as this is available. A summary of the package is outlined below:

1. ASUS CZ1104 11.6" Chromebook

This is a high-specification ASUS Chromebook featuring an 11.6" touchscreen, 8GB RAM and 64GB storage, designed specifically for students. Built with durable, military-grade protection and a tough outer casing, it is made to withstand everyday school

use, while its long battery life (up to a full school day and beyond) will ensure reliable learning without interruption.

2. Warranty and accidental damage protection

Comes with a 5-year device manufacturer warranty and accidental damage protection, ensuring long- term reliability and peace of mind. This is limited to 5 claims.

3. Repair service

This is an uplifted managed repair service for 3 years, covering accidental damage, natural damage (including rain damage to and from school and theft). In the event of a repair being required, students will be given a loan device to ensure that any interruption to learning is minimised.

4. Chrome License

The Chrome Education Licence allows the school to manage devices, apply safeguarding and monitoring filters, and ensure all students have a safe and consistent learning experience.

5. Grey Chromebook sleeve

Includes a durable grey protective sleeve to help keep the Chromebook safe during day to day use.

6. Parent portal

Includes access to a parent portal, offering flexible payment options and account management.

The outright cost for purchasing the Chromebook package is £474.68. Parents will also have the option to spread the cost over 12, 24 and 36 months, with clear and lower monthly payments. For example, paying over 24 months would cost £21.26. We are fully committed to removing any challenges or barriers to students accessing learning. For students who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals or have received Free School Meals at any point in the past six years, we are able to use Pupil Premium funding to support our loan device scheme. If you fall outside of these criteria but foresee difficulties in purchasing the device, please contact the school finance team for further information at finance@beaumont.school.

The parent portal for ordering will open next term. We will write to you with confirmation of the date and the further information referenced above. The deadline for purchasing through Freedom Tech is Sunday 12 July 2026. Orders placed by this date will ensure that the device will be shipped to school in time to be handed to your child in their first week at Beaumont.

There will be further information shared and the opportunity to ask questions at the 'Welcome to Year 7' evening which takes place on Thursday 25 June 2026. In the

meantime, we will share further information on the school website and the Freedom Tech documentation as soon as possible at the start of the next term.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Beaumont over the coming months as they prepare to join us in September.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr A Gray
Assistant Headteacher