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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 12 Mathematics calculator order

All students sitting **A-Level maths or A-Level Further Maths** require a calculator with certain more advanced functionality than needed at GCSE. The school is recommending the Casio FX-991CW calculator or the Casio FX-CG50. The FX-991CW is an advanced scientific calculator, and the FX-CG50 is a graphical calculator. The FX-CG50 has various additional functionality above the FX-991CW, including plotting and manipulating graphs, which is a significant element of the course.

If your son or daughter is sitting **Core Maths**, we highly recommend the Casio FX-991CW. Purchasing this calculator is *not* compulsory for Core Maths students - we will provide calculators for use in class and exams, but students will not be able to take these away from the classroom. Having their own calculator will be invaluable for practice at home.

The Casio FX-991CW calculator is currently retailing on Amazon at £29.92, but as a school we are able to order at a discounted cost. It can be ordered through the school via sQuid, this will cost £25.19. The Casio FX-CG50 calculator is currently retailing on Amazon at £95.05, but as a school we are able to order at a discounted cost. The CG50 can be ordered through the school via sQuid, it will cost £83.94.

The orders are now open, and will close on 29 September 2023.

If your child is eligible for the 16-19 school bursary, the school will purchase the Fx-991CW calculator for your child. Please contact Ms Alonso if you believe this might be the case.

If you have any questions, or you are unsure what is required for your son or daughter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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