

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Scientific Calculators

It is a vital part of the Maths curriculum and GCSE exams that students are able to use and understand a scientific calculator. I would like to ask all parents and carers to buy a calculator for their child and ensure that they bring it to school every day. This will allow your child to fully participate in lessons and to understand how technology can be used to aid problem solving.

Students study Mathematics almost every day at our school. They may also require the use of a calculator in Geography, Science, Technology and other subjects. The loaning of basic calculators to students during lessons can cause disruption and means that those who borrow calculators do not have access to them at home for use when completing homework and revision. It also means that students do not learn all the functions available to them on a calculator. This can increase stress levels and lower attainment during revision and assessments. When we get to GCSE two of the three Maths GCSE papers are calculator papers.

May we please advise that you purchase the Casio FX-85 GT or Casio FX-83 GT which is recommended by the exam board. If everyone uses the same model, it allows us to teach every student how to make the most of the functions it provides, which is really advantageous to them in their exams, in lessons, and could make a significant difference to their grade. You can order these calculators through us at a discounted price.

If you are interested in purchasing a calculator from us, please ensure that payment is made online via ParentPay before **Friday 12th September**. The calculators will be ordered after this date and given to students as soon as they arrive.


Options and Prices

	Colours	Price
Casio FX-83 GT (battery operated, not solar)	Black, Blue, Pink	£9.50
Casio FX-85 GT (solar powered)	Black, White	£11.05

If you need support purchasing a calculator for your child, please don't hesitate to contact info@thedeacademy.org

If you require any further information regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me at kweaver@thedeacademy.org

Yours sincerely,



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