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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to discuss an important aspect of your child's education: the use of calculators in their mathematics lessons. Nationally, pupils' performance is often hindered by a lack of proficiency in using calculators. To address this, we are placing a stronger emphasis on the use of calculators in our maths classes, making them a regular tool in most lessons.

To support this, it is important that every pupil has a calculator that meets the standards required for the GCSE examinations. We recommend one of the following models: the Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator or the Casio FX-991CW Advanced Scientific Calculator. Both are excellent choices; the Casio FX-991CW is more advanced and may be especially suitable for pupils working towards the higher tier GCSE or considering further study in maths post-16. These models have been selected to ensure they provide the necessary functionality and ease of use to support your child in their learning and during their exams.

To make this as straightforward as possible, both models will be available to purchase through SCOPAY at a relatively low price. Pupils will then receive their calculator in school, I will endeavour to get them to the pupil's within two weeks of purchase. The Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator will cost £10, and the Casio FX-991CW Advanced Scientific Calculator will cost £22. Images of the calculators and approximate prices elsewhere can be found overleaf if you wish to purchase them from other retailers.

If your child already owns a calculator, it is important to verify that it meets the required standards. Older models may still be sufficient, and I have included images of acceptable models overleaf to help you check. Having the right calculator is not only crucial for mathematics but will also be beneficial in science and any other subjects where calculations are needed.

Investing in one of the recommended calculators will help ensure that your child is fully prepared for their GCSE examinations. A good calculator, if looked after properly, will serve them throughout their time at school and potentially beyond.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and ongoing support in your child's education.

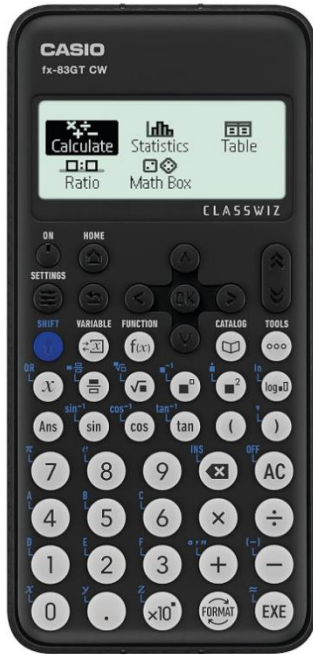
Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Kind regards,

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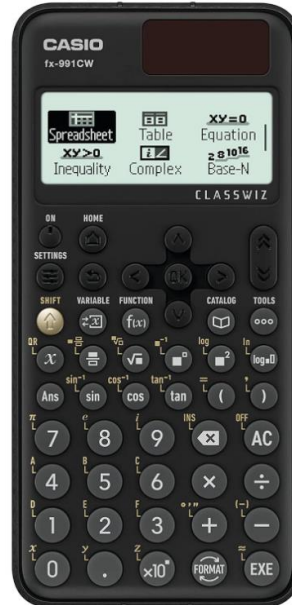
## Recommended Calculator Models:

Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator (Approx. £12 from other retailers)



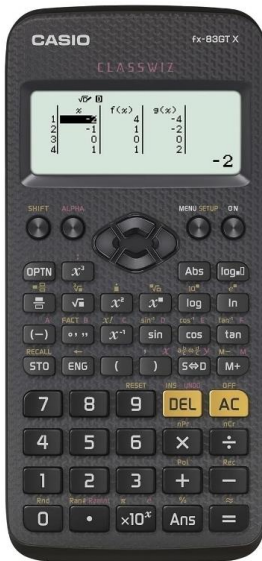
Casio FX-991CW Advanced Scientific Calculator (Approx. £30 from other retailers)

**Suited for pupils doing higher tier and considering A-level maths**



## Images of Acceptable Older Models:

Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator



Casio FX-350ES Plus Scientific Calculator



If you are unsure, ask your child to speak to their maths teacher