

### Scientific Calculators for KS3

Dear Parent/Carer,

In KS3 it is essential that the students master the use of a scientific calculator. When they sit their maths GCSE in year 11, 67% of the marks will be for calculator questions. The best way for the students to become comfortable with using a scientific calculator is for them to have their own so that it can be used at home for revision and homework, as well as in the classroom.

If you are looking for stocking filler ideas this Christmas, then a scientific calculator would be an excellent idea! We would recommend the **CasioFX-85GTPLUS**. It is available for £10 in Morrison's or you could look online for a better deal. You can also purchase the calculators in different colours.

In addition to the scientific calculators, general pencil case items are always beneficial to the students. Below I have listed some ideas you may not have thought of;

- whiteboard pen
- red pen
- protractor
- compass

All of the above will aid the progress of your child and enable them to continue their learning outside of the classroom. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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