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Dear Parent/Carer

Maths Requirement - Scientific Calculator

We are currently building up to completing Tracking-1 assessments for this academic year, and I would like to emphasise the importance of your child owning their own Scientific Calculator to assist them in revising and working towards their assessments. These will also be important as we prepare your child for their GCSE qualifications in the future. It may also become more difficult to complete homework in the future if a calculator is required.

You may or may not be aware that in Year 8, students complete one non-calculator paper and one calculator assessment paper. By not owning their own calculator it means that your child cannot effectively revise for 50% of their tracking examination papers, or complete homework tasks and embed their learning to a high enough standard.

At the academy we currently have a stock of the specific calculator that your child will be using in their examinations. These are available for immediate purchase via ParentPay for a discounted cost of £10.00. Alternatively, these can be purchased from the majority of supermarkets for around £17.00. It would be hugely advantageous if you could purchase the same calculator that we use in the examinations so that your child can familiarise themselves with the functions they will need to use in the examinations.

If you require any financial support in purchasing a Scientific Calculator for your child please contact the academy and we will endeavour to help.

Yours faithfully

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