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Parents and Carers of TQEA students

Dear Parents and Carers

The TQEA Maths Department is committed to high standards and improving each students' achievement in mathematics. In order to help students' reach their full potential in maths, we believe each pupil should have their own scientific calculator to ensure that they are using the same calculator both in school and at home, so they become familiar with the functions and confidence when using it in a problem.

As pupils move into KS4 and look towards their Maths GCSE, 2 out of the 3 papers they will sit are calculator papers, therefore it is essential that as a department we ensure all pupils are equipped with the skills in preparation for these assessments.

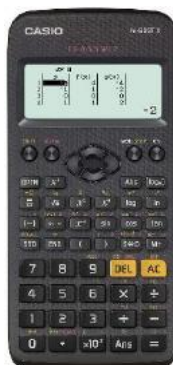
Unfortunately, due to our current situation we are unable to hand out equipment (including calculators) which could have a negative impact on the learning for pupils especially where using a calculator features as a key component in some topics. The advantage of this being pupils would use the same calculator for classwork, homework and assessments, reducing the chance of errors and losing marks due to using unfamiliar calculators or calculators that are in the wrong mode.

In preparation for the new academic year, we would encourage all pupils to purchase a scientific calculator and would recommend the following Casio models:

Casio fx-83GT



Casio fx-85GTX Classwiz



Any other questions or support you need regarding purchasing a calculator, please do not hesitate to contact me, and thank you in advance for your support with this.

Sincerely,

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