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Dear Parents/Carers,

When students sit their GCSE maths papers at the end of Year 11 there is one non-calculator paper and two calculator papers. It is because two thirds of their final grade depends on them being confident using a calculator that we insist that everyone has a calculator to use in every maths lesson.

The calculator that we recommend is also recommended by the exam board that we use at Henley Bank. It is the Casio FX-83GTCW or the solar powered Casio FX-85GTCW.



Both the older version with rectangular buttons or the newer version with circular buttons are suitable and capable of doing all that is required at GCSE level.

If your child does not currently have one of these models, please ensure they get one of as soon as possible for the highest chance of success.

The correct version calculator is available to purchase from the school via MCAS at a significant discount compared to amazon or Tesco etc. These will be given to your child within a couple days of purchasing. If you have any concerns with providing your child with a correct calculator then please contact me on scresswell@henleybankhighschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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