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RE: Student equipment for learning in Maths.

Dear Parent/Carers,

At Watling Academy, we have clear expectations of the required equipment that students should have with them at all times during lessons in order to support effective learning. Part of this expected equipment is a scientific calculator which is essential for subjects such as Maths and Science.

Due to the nature of the mathematics curriculum students will need to use a scientific calculator to support them in answering questions including those involving fractions, Trigonometry, Pythagoras and percentages. As students' progress to key stage 4 the need for a Scientific calculator becomes more necessary as key parts of the GCSE examination are based on its use. Students will sit two calculator papers in year 11 and we want to ensure our students are confident and familiar with how to use their calculators.

We recommend the following calculators-Casio FX83 or FX85 or FX83GT-CW. These calculators are widely available, and they can also be purchased directly from the Academy for £11.00. should you wish to purchase through the school, please email admin@watling.academy and they will arrange payment through parentmail.

After half-term students will receive equipment logs on Class Charts if they do not have their required calculator with them for their timetabled Maths lessons. I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that students are fully equipped with a scientific calculator to maximise learning and progress within lessons.

Please feel free to contact me walf@watling.academy if you have any further questions.



Kind Regards,

Mrs F Wall
Head of Maths