



# Ashton Community Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

With recent developments with the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be vital for the next academic year that each child has their own calculator.

We also believe that it will be to their benefit as with the more difficult calculations required in the new programmes of study, including those involved in Pythagoras' Theorem, and Trigonometry, it is important that students are further equipped with a scientific calculator in mathematics lessons.

The Casio fx-83GT PLUS has been highly approved by the GCSE exam boards for use in exams and can be bought from most retailers for about £12-£15. Alternatively, you can purchase the calculator including a maths equipment set (comprising of a protractor and a pair of compasses) from school at a discounted cost of £10.

We would ask as far as possible that students purchase this model as it is the one used within demonstrations within maths lessons.

Students will need to have their name clearly marked on the calculator with a permanent marker pen. If they take care of it, we expect the calculator to last them right through the 5 years they will be at Ashton Community Science College.

If you wish to purchase a calculator set, please make a payment via Parent Pay and we will issue a calculator set to your child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me ([sfern@ashtoncsc.com](mailto:sfern@ashtoncsc.com)) and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to continuing your child's mathematical education in the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely

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Second in Maths

