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Dear Parent/Carer

The new A Level in Mathematics has an increased focus on the use of technology. Students will be required to have a calculator with functionality beyond that used at GCSE, such as an iterative function, the ability to compute summary statistics and access probabilities from various distributions, calculations on up to 3x3 matrices (Further Maths only). This does not mean that students need to go out and buy an expensive graphical calculator - Casio has produced a calculator specifically for the latest A Level Mathematics specifications. There are other models that are available but we will be using the Casio FX-991EX ClassWiz Advanced Scientific Calculator. This make and model is highly recommended by the examination board we used at A Level, Edexcel.

You can purchase a Casio FX-991EX ClassWiz independently or your son/daughter can purchase one of these calculators through the Mathematics department at Carre's. The cost of one of these calculators is £20. You can purchase one of these by completing the payment via ParentPay and then your son/daughter can collect a calculator from the department.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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