

5 June 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Advance Notice – Scientific Calculator

As you will may be aware, the Government has recently made substantial changes to GCSEs across all subject areas. Overall, the impact of these changes has been a significant increase in the content that must be taught and understood by students. Notably, there has been an increase in cross-curricular content, such as mathematics appearing in a range of different subject areas.

As a result of the above, it is now increasingly the case that students require use of a scientific calculator in more subjects than just mathematics. The decision has therefore been taken that effective from September 2018, as part of a student's mandatory equipment a scientific calculator will be required.

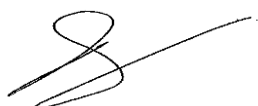
In order to ensure consistency in the classroom, the calculator that we recommend is the **Casio FX-83GTPPLUS**. This is available to purchase from most stationery retailers or online. Alternatively, calculators can also be purchased from school at a **cost of £7.00**. If you would like to purchase a calculator from school, payment can be made by debit / credit card via the secure ParentPay website using your unique log in details. If you have not received your log in details, please contact Miss Roberts in the Finance Office to request them. You can also pay with cash or cheque, please return this to the Finance Office along with the reply slip at the bottom of this letter. Payment must be made by Friday 6 July.

We do also have a limited amount of used calculators (model may vary) for a reduced price of £2.00. These are available on a first come, first served basis. If you would prefer to buy one of these, please return the reply slip at the bottom of this letter to Student Services along with payment by Friday, 6 July 2018.

All calculators purchased through school will be provided to students in September 2018.

If you are experiencing financial hardship or your child is a 'looked after child' (CLA), it may be possible to access some financial support in respect of this purchase. To be considered for this, please make an application to our Supporting Achievement Fund (SAF) by completing a SAF form which is available to download from the Academy's website at www.farnley.leeds.sch.uk. This application must be submitted, along with the signed slip below, to Student Services by Friday 6 July. Applications made after this date will only be accepted if a change in circumstances can be evidenced.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Cosgrove
Vice Principal – Achievement

Please return this slip by Friday, 6 July 2018

NOTE: This reply slip only needs to be returned if you are paying via Cash / Cheque. Where possible, we request that parents / carers use 'ParentPay' to make this purchase.

Student Name _____ **Form** _____

I would like to purchase a **new** Casio FX-83GTPLUS calculator and enclose payment of £7 ☐

I would like to purchase a **used*** Scientific Calculator (model may vary) and enclose payment of £2 ☐

I would like to apply for financial support and have made an application to the Supporting Achievement Fund ☐

I understand that whilst payment will be taken immediately, calculators will not be provided to students until we return to school in September 2018.

Parent / Carer Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent / Carer Print Name _____

*It is not possible to guarantee the battery life of calculators purchased from our existing stock.