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Ref: **Casio Calculators:**
Graphical: FX-9860 GIII (£65), CG50 (£80), Non- Graphical: FX-991EX ClassWiz (£20)

Dear Parents/Carers

Students taking AS or A2 level Mathematics and especially those taking Further Mathematics, will find a graphical calculator a very useful tool to help with their A level mathematical studies. As Saint Olave's School is part of the MEI Casio Graphical Calculator Programme and the Further Mathematics Support Programme we have been offered the opportunity, by Casio, to purchase the above calculators for a unit price of £65 for the FX-9860 GIII and £80 for the Casio CG50. (Please note that this is a considerable saving from the RRP's of £102.12 and £139.99 respectively).

Mathematics students in Year 12 will now need a calculator with statistical tables built into it. Thus, GCSE calculators such as the CASIO fx83 or the old fx991 are no longer suitable for A-Level. The graphical calculators above both have the necessary statistical tables built in but as a cheaper alternative students should purchase the replacement for the fx991 the FX-991EX ClassWiz (RRP £29.99). We are able to offer this calculator for £20.

Students in all other years are also able to purchase any of the above calculators should they wish to do so but there is no expectation or requirement to do so. Any of the calculators above including the graphical calculators may be used in any GCSE or A-Level examinations.

To purchase any calculator please make a payment via sQuid for £20, £65 or £80. If you experience any difficulty with the sQuid system, please contact the Finance Office for assistance by email on payments@saintolaves.net. To enable us to order the calculators and distribute them to students as soon as possible, payment **must** be made by Friday, 18 September 2020.

Please note that we do not want any student to be disadvantaged for financial reasons. If you find yourself in financial difficulties and unable to pay the charge, please apply to the Headteacher in writing and your application for support will be considered in the strictest confidence.

Yours faithfully

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