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Dear Parent/Carer,

Scientific Calculators

A scientific calculator is essential for GCSE maths and GCSE Science. In previous years, we have been able to have a class set of calculators in each Science and maths classroom. These calculators were used with students from all year groups. Current Covid-19 restrictions do not allow this to happen.

Many of our students bring their own scientific calculator with them to lessons. To support any of our students in Year 9, Year 10 or Year 11 who do not have a scientific calculator, Outwood Academy Valley will be offering students an Aurora AX595 scientific calculator on a long-term loan. These calculators will remain the property of Outwood Academy Valley and must be looked after carefully. We are not in a position to be able to replace calculators that are lost or damaged. We recommend that students label the back of their calculator using a stick-on label.

Once calculators have been issued to students, they **must** bring them with them to every maths and Science lesson. Students will not be able to borrow another calculator within the academy. Usual sanctions for lack of equipment will be issued if students do not have the required equipment.

Students will be able to keep hold of the loaned calculator until the end of their final GCSE exam in Year 11. They will be collected back in on the way out of the exam. If any student wishes to return their calculator earlier than this they are free to do so.

Yours faithfully

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