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To: Parents of Year 12 IB Pupils

Dear all

Graphical Display Calculators

Pupils studying IB Mathematics at Higher or Standard Level are required to have a Graphical Display Calculator (GDC) for use in their portfolio and in written examinations. In order to ensure that staff are able to deliver whole class sessions on the use of a GDC, it is important that all pupils have the same calculator.

The Mathematics Department will therefore issue each pupil with a Texas Instruments TI-84+ GDC, for which they will be billed £82.20. This calculator will perform all functions required for IB assessment. It is worth noting that cheaper models of GDC do not perform all required functions and the TI-84+ is the calculator of choice for schools delivering Mathematics on the IB.

If at the end of the course, pupils decide they have no further use for the calculator, as they are not studying a mathematical subject at university, they may be able to sell it back to pupils at the school who are studying the IB in subsequent years (provided it is in good working condition).

If you have any further queries regarding the supply of the TI-84+, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms Madeleine Copin
Head of Mathematics



To: Ms Copin, The Maths Dept, The Portsmouth Grammar School, High Street, Portsmouth

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Pupil Name _____ Tutor _____

Please add the amount of £82.20 to my school account.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)