

Welcome to Moorside High School



Class of 2031

Welcome from the Head

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Head of School at Moorside High School. It is an honour and privilege to be part of this wonderful school community.



Here at Moorside, we have a dedicated staff team and incredible students. Together, we will continue to build on the school's success and provide exciting learning experiences. Our goal is to ensure that each child feels happy, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential—both academically and socially.

I encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school. Your feedback is essential in shaping our vision for the future.



Let's embark on this exciting journey together!

Mrs G Grant
Head of School

Preparing for School

School Policies

<https://moorside.staffs.sch.uk/School-Policies/>

Uniform

Branded uniform can be purchased from Just For Kids, Werrington, while non-branded items, natching the school's colours can be purchased elsewhere



Laptops

All laptops should now have been ordered. However, the booking portal remains open until 12th July. If you have any questions please email

Mrs Bell

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School Day

Lesson	Times / Lates
Form Time	8.40 - 9.10 (Must be in form at 8.40)
Period 1	9.10 - 10.10 (Must be in lesson by 9.15)
Period 2	10.10 - 11.10 (Must be in lesson by 10.15)
Break	11.10 - 11.25
Period 3	11.25 - 12.25 (Must be in lesson by 11.30)
Period 4	12.25 - 1.20 (Must be in lesson by 12.30)
Lunch	1.20 - 2.00
Period 5	2.00 - 2.55 (Must be in lesson by 2.05)
Reading	2.55 - 3.10 (Must be in form by 3.00)

The First Day

Tutor time starts at 8.40 so you will need to arrive to school for 8.30. On your first day you will need to come to the main reception and then into the main hall where your form tutors will be waiting to greet you.

Then you will spend the first 3 periods with your form tutor getting know your form tutor and ask any questions you may have about school. During this time, you will be given following;

- A timetable of your lessons
- Information about your teaching groups
- Information about which rooms your lessons will be in
- How we work as a school community

Attendance Journey

Autumn Term 2026

Inset day: Tuesday 1 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September

Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Term Ends: Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 4 January

Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March

Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July (Subject to change)

Punctuality & Attendance

Attendance is crucial to a student's success at school

Excellent

100% - 99%

Good

99% - 95%

**Unsatisfactory
Improvement
Required**

94% - 90%

**Serious Concern
Persistently
Absent**

Less than 90%

Punctuality is the key to success

5 minutes late
per day
=
3 days lost per
year

10 minutes late
per day
=
6.5 days lost
per year

15 minutes late
per day
=
10 days lost per
year

20 minutes late
per day
=
13 days lost per
year

30 minutes late
per day
=
19 days lost per
year



The House System

Our houses are named after local leaders of innovation and design

Embracing the House System helps students to get involved in cross-curricular competitions and sets a positive tone for the new academic year



Our house system is underpinned by our values



Arbor App

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based system, which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively.

The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way.

Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates, attendance, house points and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone.



Arbor

What can you see and do?

- See and update personal details
- View student attendance, behaviour and house points
- Sign up and pay for trips
- Access student timetables
- Book Parents' Evening slots
- and much more!

You have received an email to grant access to the Parent Portal and Arbor App to start updating your child's personal details and consent information.

Copies of the agreements and policies you will need to consent to can be viewed on our school website. Once you have read the policies, please sign the home school agreement on Arbor.



Checklist

Login to Arbor and update personal and contact details

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Read the school agreements and policies and update consents

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Complete the additional information online form

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Casio Calculator

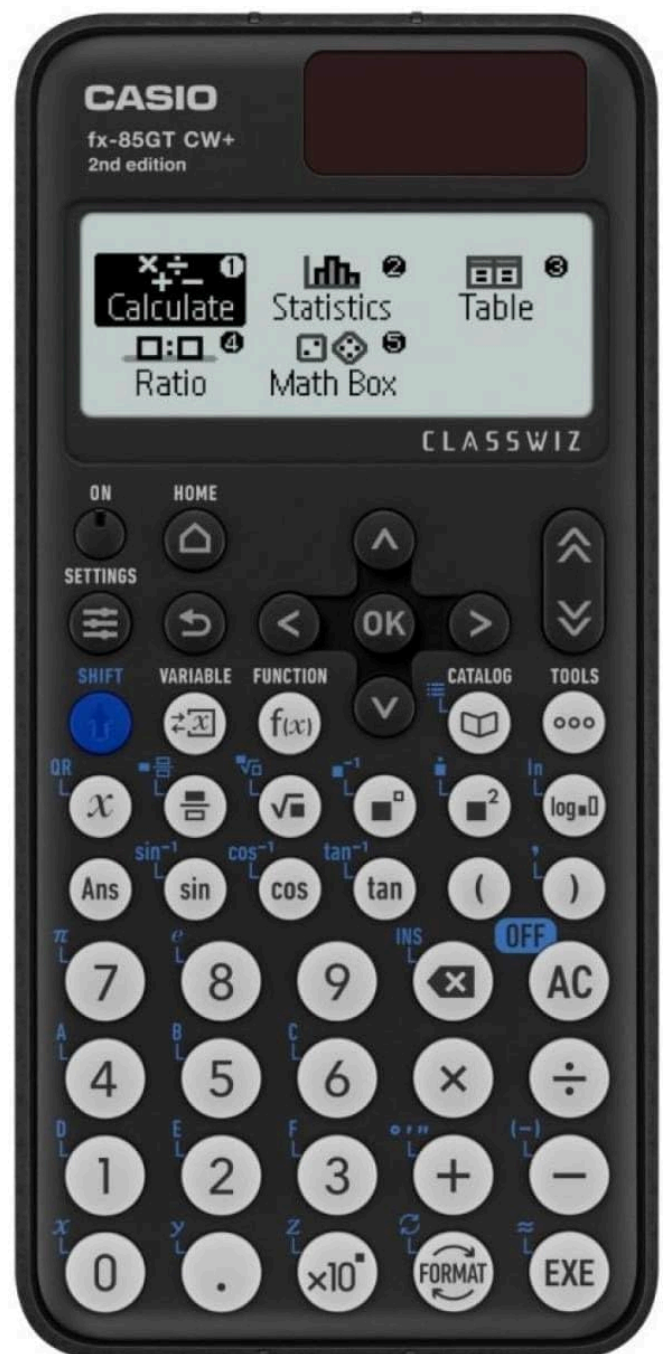
Casio fx-85GTCW+

All students are encouraged to purchase the same calculator for their Maths lessons. It doesn't need to be the CW+, the CW would do but the plus is a little more user friendly.

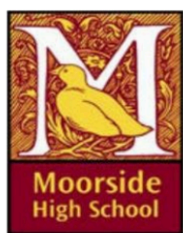
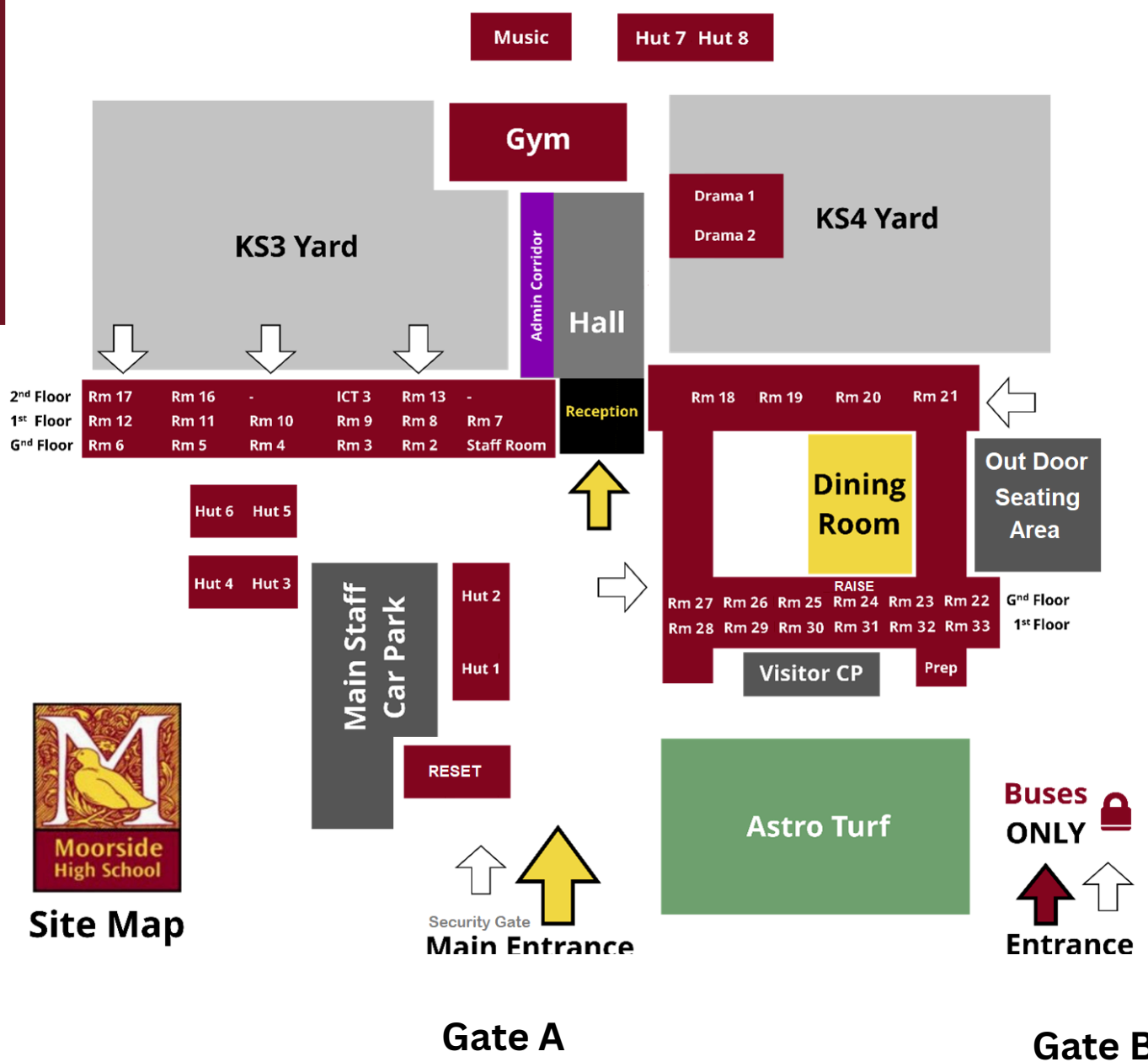
The lesser 85GT, without the CW, doesn't do what pupils will need them to do. Calculators are now mini computers and are programmed to do a lot of the heavy lifting for them.

Please see a link to one on Amazon - currently retailing at £17

[LINK](#)



School Map



Site Map

