Setting up the fx-CG50 calculator for exam success

Students may not have ever put their handset into exam mode, so it's worth getting them to practice beforehand. It gets them familiar with the function and comfortable with the process when they head into the exam hall. You don't want going into the exam to be the first time your students try it and, perhaps they can't get it to work correctly or they don't recognise it.

Get familiar with the exam mode options

All exam modes have coloured borders on the screens – magenta is for the UK exam mode. So, depending on the border colour, students and invigilators will know whether they're in the right exam mode or not.

It's very simple for students to enter exam mode. They'll first need to switch off the calculator, as it's not possible to enter examination mode while the calculator is switched on. To enter UK exam mode, press and hold the keys marked with the letters UK (1). While

continuing to hold UK, press and hold the Ker button until you see the following message:



If you wish to continue, press **F1**. If you do not wish to use the UK examination mode, press **F6**.

You will then be asked if you really mean to enter examination mode (because it's hard to get out of it!). Press F2 to continue to examination mode, or F6 to exit. You'll get a final warning (we want to make sure you don't want the IB examination mode). Press F1 to enter the UK examination mode, or F6 to exit. You are now in the UK examination mode.

For the full instructions on entering exam mode, visit the fx-CG50 exam guidance page It's important to note that exam mode isn't a requirement for the exam, but it is highly recommended because it doesn't impact the calculator's functionality and the coloured screen border is a clear indication to invigilators.

There's also no need to exit exam mode. It will expire after 12 hours, and any functions or settings stored on the handset will be restored once exam mode finishes.