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**Business case:**

**For the purchase of The Student Guide to Maths across the Curriculum**

**Cost:** From £0.99 (eBook app) £1.50 (printed copy) per title (based on volume)

(Single copy schools’ price £3.50 / RRP £4.95)

**The need:**

Whole-school numeracy is a problem in most schools. Mistakes in students’ basic numeracy are seen across the curriculum. There is some confusion from staff on how to deliver numeracy in their own subject area in a way that is consistent with colleagues. Business Links are still reporting that employers have serious concerns about the numeracy skills of recent school leavers, even though interventions have ensured that extra marks are being awarded for accuracy in numeracy in many GCSE exams. A whole-school initiative from Year 7 to raise numeracy levels is required to benefit:

**Our school** – to improve results numeracy skills in exams (students are awarded extra marks, which can mean accuracy takes students over grade boundaries).

**Our students** – to secure real improvement in numeracy, helping those students held back by their numeracy skills to achieve in other subjects.

**Our staff** – enabling all teachers, including those with subject specialisms other than Maths, to deliver a unified numeracy message in their subject area and consequently across the school, especially if staff have a low confidence level in numeracy

**Our community** – giving parents and carers the confidence to support their children in numeracy work students undertake at home and tackling issues around numeracy for youth employability for local businesses.

**The solution:**

Smart Learning has developed this new, affordably-priced guide (as pocket-sized printed version AND as app-based eBook) for students and teachers to provide the school with a means of delivering the same essential numeracy ‘message’ in all subject areas.

**Resource title:**

The Student Guide to Maths across the Curriculum

Format, dimensions and extent: Paperback book /161mm (height) x 117mm (width) / 90pp

eBook app-based version for smartphone / tablet / laptop / PC / Mac / IWB

Publisher and publication date:

Smart Learning Ltd The Student Guide to Maths across the Curriculum – July 2015

**The challenge:**

• There are no other such guides on the market and other than key-stage-specific posters, there are very few resources for whole-school numeracy

• For the school to write and publish its own such guides would be time-consuming and costly.

**Areas for potential savings:**

The RRP is £4.95 per copy, the schools’ price is £3.50 per copy but until 31 December 2015 there is a special price of £1.99 per book. The eBook - 1-year licences are only £0.99 per user when ordering 250+ licences and the school can access a **70% discount** when purchasing sets of both guides together (there is The Student Guide to Literacy in Every Subject) – £1,500 for 500 copies of each title (£1.50 per copy compared to the bookshop price of £4.95)