

Raspberry Pi bids for success with classroom coders

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A test version of the Raspberry Pi computer has attracted bids of more than £3,000 in a fund-raising auction on eBay. With the machine about to start its first major production run, could it be the right tool to revitalise computer science in schools?

"Consider our gast well and truly flabbered," blogged Liz Upton of the Raspberry Pi team in response to news that an auction of 10 trial versions of the computers had attracted offers worth thousands of pounds.

The highest bid for one of the beta versions is over £3,000, more than a hundred times the planned asking price for the most expensive model of £22.

The uncased, credit-card sized, 700MHz machines are an unlikely gadget must-have.

But with a mailing list of more than 50,000 members, Raspberry Pi have found that plenty of people think they're a good thing.

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