

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All pupils in the school are now able to use GCSE Pod at home. We have invested in GCSE Pod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,000 schools worldwide. (GCSE Pod is primarily for pupils in years 9 -11 who are studying GCSE courses, however, it can also be used and is relevant to pupils in years 7 & 8.

GCSEPod provides over 6,000 3-5 minute bursts of visual learning via their short videos called 'Pods'. Each Pod is exam board specific, so you can be reassured your child is accessing the correct information. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable as the Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success and they are neatly organised into topic or exam playlists.

One of the remarkable things about GCSEPod is the ability to download the content to your child's mobile device so it's like they are carrying text books in their pockets without the need for internet. You can download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported).

Once your child has activated their account they can browse the Pod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music. We recommend that you discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter to ensure that they have successfully activated their accounts and encourage them to make use of this service throughout their GCSEs.

For more ways you can help support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources. There are also useful help and support documents on the school website (follow the GCSE Pod Link on the school website which lies within the Academic main link).

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod and if they've not yet activated their account they will need to follow the instructions below. If your child has already activated but can't remember their login details they will need to follow the steps on the homepage for 'forgot login details'

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "**Login**" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click "**New here? Get started.**"
- 3) Select "**Student**"
- 4) **Enter your child's name, date of birth and confirm the school name.**
- 5) Create a **username, password, and a password hint** to help you remember the password.

I hope you find this resource useful in this difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely

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