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## KS4 Revision Websites and Apps

We are pleased to announce that we have subscribed to a series of revision apps and websites that we believe will be an excellent support resource for our students Year 11 ahead of their summer exams; **PiXL** and **GCSEPod**.

Teachers will be able to see the progress your child makes across both platform and use this information to pinpoint extra support and challenge in lessons. For each question your child answers, they will gain points that count towards our weekly competitions where we **will reward our Top 10 points earners in Year 11!**

Each week, first prize will be a **free prom ticket** and runners up will win a **free hot chocolate and cake** at break time.



### PiXL

**PiXL** is a series of websites where students can practise exam style questions for **maths, English literature, geography** and **history**. These questions specifically mimic the exam boards we use at Shenley Academy and will help your child build confidence in their exam skills. In addition, there is a PiXL website for practising and revising **times tables** to support with maths and another called **unlock** which supports students to **build vocabulary** that is essential for accessing **all** GCSE questions.

These websites can be accessed by scanning the QR codes below or searching for the app by name online. Your child was given their individual login for PiXL but if they have lost this, or need to reset their password for any reason, please tell them to speak to their tutor in school.



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## GCSEPod

**GCSEPod** is an app that contains a library of over 6,500 'Pods' which are 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. Every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. These are conveniently organised into topics and exam playlists.

As well as Pods, GCSEPod also has a host of Student Learning Activities which are designed to help students commit content to their long-term memory. Alongside this is their award-winning **Check & Challenge** tool which provides quizzes for your child to test their knowledge and to track their progress throughout the academic year. Check & Challenge provides scaffolded support through hints, multiple choice options and feedback statements which helps to consolidate learning and build students' confidence.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions below. If your child has already activated but cannot remember their username and password, please ask them to speak to their tutor.

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

## ClassCharts (Reminder)



PiXL and GCSEPod are excellent revision websites through which students can and should work independently at their own pace. If a teacher sets your child homework to complete on these platforms, as always, all homework will still be set on ClassCharts and will hyperlink to the PiXL or GCSEPod website. You can download ClassCharts via the QR code or website below. On ClassCharts, you are able to track your child's magna points and detentions as well as their homework submission. [www.classcharts.com/parent/login](http://www.classcharts.com/parent/login)



If you have any questions regarding PiXL, GCSEPod or ClassCharts, please contact Paul Wiredu on [Paul.Wiredu@she.e-act.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Wiredu@she.e-act.org.uk) or Martha Wardle on [Martha.Wardle@she.e-act.org.uk](mailto:Martha.Wardle@she.e-act.org.uk) who will be able to support you query.

Yours faithfully,  
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