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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

KS4 Revision Resource – GCSE Pod

I am excited to share that we have launched GCSE Pod with year 10 students in assembly this week. GCSE Pod is an excellent revision resource that will support students with their independent study to better prepare them for year 11. All year 10 students will be sitting mock examinations at the end of year 10, and as such, I am keen for students to learn how to revise and be competent in studying independently in preparation for these mock examinations.

Teachers will be able to see the progress your child makes across the platform and use this information to pinpoint extra support and challenge in lessons. Each question/quiz your child completes can be tracked, and here will be individual and form group competitions to encourage students to access the learning.

In assembly this week I have asked every student in year 10 to log on and complete an activity (for example, watch a video and complete the quiz), by Monday 2nd October 2023 and ask for your support in this.

How does GCSE Pod work?

GCSEPod is an app that contains a library of over 6,500 'Pods', 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. Every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates, and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly 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 and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click "New to GCSEPod? Get started."
- 3) Select "Student"

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- 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)



GCSEPod is an 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 GCSEPod website. You can download ClassCharts via the QR code or website below. On ClassCharts, you can track your child's magna points and detentions as well as their homework submission. www.classcharts.com/parent/login

I continue to ask for your support in encouraging your child to study at home and engage with them in meaningful conversation about what they are learning, and where possible, interact with their revision to support their retention of knowledge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Kind regards

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