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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that our school has recently re-invested in **GCSEPod**, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,700 schools worldwide. Our students have found this resource particularly engaging and useful as they approach their GCSE studies, during KS4 and even as they progress to study at A Level, when they regularly revisit to consolidate GCSE basics.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of **over 6,500 'Pods'**, 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: 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.

One of the best things about GCSEPod is that it is so easy to access! You can download any Pod to your child's mobile device, and then they can watch them at any time, in any place, **with or without internet**. It's like they're carrying a whole set of textbooks in their pocket. Make sure you download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

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 the 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. Our parents have always found the resources dedicated to understanding and practising various approaches to learning very enlightening and helpful.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your child – check that they've successfully activated their account and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout their GCSE's. Once they've activated their account, they can browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you'll find lots more information, a specially created **Parent Toolkit** with information on making the most of your child's subscription and links to their regular **parent/carer webinars**: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is **activate their account**. A user name and password are not necessary in order to do this. Please follow the instructions provided on the 'Helping your child log in' information link; this also explains what to do if they have forgotten their user name or password.

We hope that you and your child will find this resource useful throughout their studies.