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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that the school has recently invested in GCSEPod for all Y9/Y10 and Y11 pupils. It is an award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 '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 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.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to help fill them. After completing any homework set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your son or daughter and encourage them to use this resource regularly. All Y9/10 and 11 pupils should have activated their account in school. Once their account has been activated pupils can log on to GCSEPod using www.gcsepod.com or by downloading the app on to a mobile or tablet, your child's log on details will be your child's school email account and password therefore they should be familiar with it.

Once all pupils are registered your child's teachers will start to set 'assignments' for them to complete on GCSEPod, this will often involve watching a couple of short pods and completing knowledge quizzes or exam style questions, therefore, your child should be regularly checking their account to see what 'assignments' they need to complete. They will also receive reminders via their TEAMS account so it is important that you still have that active from last year.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources.

Yours sincerely,

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