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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: GCSE Revision

We are delighted to announce that we have recently invested in a digital platform called GCSEPod, this is an award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,200 schools worldwide. We feel this will be such a valuable tool in supporting your child in the run up to their GCSE exams.

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 text books in their pocket! As parents you are also able to download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify gaps in what your child knows, 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 make sure your child review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you regularly discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout the next two years. It is important that they successfully activate their account using the instructions below, as they can then browse the Pod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

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.

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 can't remember their username and password, please ask them to contact a member of staff.

How to activate their account

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click "New here? Get started."

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- 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.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please do not hesitate to contact me, as I am the GCSEPod Lead for the school so will be able to help.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Ryles-Dean". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Yours faithfully,".

Mrs Ryles-Dean
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