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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school currently subscribes to a service called GCSEPod which is completely free to your son or daughter; we believe this will be of great benefit to them during their GCSE course.

GCSEPod has over 3,500 teacher-written, audio-visual podcasts produced specifically for mobile devices and containing all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that learners need for GCSE success. The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the podcasts can be downloaded for offline viewing. The podcasts are also mapped to the curriculum and are designed to support students in the classroom, with their homework and during exam time.

We recommend that you discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter, ensure that they have correct login details to enter the site and encourage them to make use of this service throughout the year. Many teachers may set homework on the site using the "Assignment" feature as GCSEPod has already been proven to have a significant impact on student progress and we aim to make it an integral part of learning for every GCSE student studying at the school.

Once logged in, students can search for podcasts by keyword, by a specific exam or by subject area. Students can create their own personalised learning playlists which can be easily downloaded for offline viewing. Help guides explaining how to use the site are available at www.gcsepod.com/help

This is a fantastic revision tool that your child can access at all times. I hope that as the GCSE examinations are approaching (for Year 11) that this revision tool is well used as another method of revision. Year 10 students can start using this revision tool now as they will have a large number of examinations at the end of their course and will sit Year 10 examinations this year.

If you have any questions regarding the GCSEPod service please contact myself, **Mrs Boardman**, as I am leading the roll out in school.

For specific technical advice please use the help pages on the website or email support@gcsepod.com.

In addition to this revision tool, there will be a series of assemblies to help students understand how to revise and practical tips will be offered.

Yours sincerely

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