Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school currently subscribes to a service called GCSEPod which is completely free to your son or daughter and which we believe will be of great benefit to them during the coming year.

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.

After introducing this revision tool last week we hope your son/daughter has registered and can see the benefits of it. I am pleased to report that the usage figures for last week grew each day and some students have been working hard over the past two weeks. If your child has still not registered, please encourage them to do so to allow them to enjoy the benefits of this revision tool too.

 To access GCSEPod for the first time, students should follow these three steps:

1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right hand corner
2) Click **"New here? Get started."**
3) Enter their name, date of birth and choose their school
4) Select a username and password (to be used when they next login) and select the subjects they study
5) If your child is in Year 11 and has forgotten their username and password they must see Mrs Boardman

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 in the "Help" section in the top navigation bar.

If you have any questions regarding the GCSEPod service please contact Mrs Boardman. Alternatively, I have attached a user guide to help you support your child.

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

Yours sincerely

Assistant Headteacher