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Dear Parent/ Carer

I am writing to you to provide you with information regarding how you can support your child at home using GCSEPOD as a homework and a revision tool.

From Monday 2 November, teachers will set homework and revision tasks for our Year 10 and 11 students on GCSEPOD. Teachers may set other types of homework such as past exam papers, topic assessments as appropriate for each subject or class.

GCSEPOD is an online resource that provides students with 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons. We would like you to support this initiative by encouraging your child to use GCSEPOD regularly at home. Studies have shown that students who extend their learning beyond the classroom increase their chances of success in GCSE exams.

I have attached some parent guides to provide you with further information about GCSEPOD.

How does my child access GCSEPOD?

If your child has already activated their account, they need to log in with the username and password they have created, if they have forgotten their details, they will need to select the forgotten password option.

If they have not yet activated their GCSEPOD account, they need to follow these instructions:

Go to www.gcsepod.com

1. Click **login**
2. Click **New here? Getting started**
3. Ensure they have selected that they are a **Pupil**
4. Enter their personal details as requested
5. Create a username and password

How often should my child use GCSEPOD?

We expect students to use GCSEPOD at least three times a week either completing homework tasks or using it for revision.

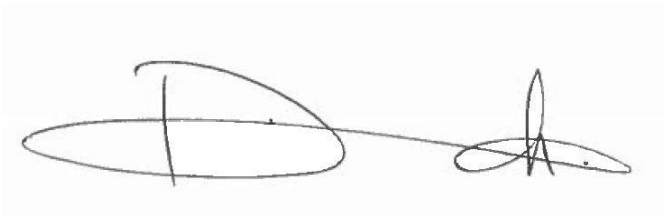
What if I have concerns regarding using GCSEPOD?

If you have any questions or difficulties with using GCSEPOD, please do not hesitate to let your Form Tutor know.

We know and understand that this has been a difficult time for students and their families and see this online resource as a positive step in bridging the gaps in knowledge which may have emerged following the lockdown.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything you are doing for your children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature is cursive and consists of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a smaller, more intricate signature.

Mrs D Fundira
Senior Assistant Principal