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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSEPod: GCSE LEARNING AND REVISION

We are delighted to announce that St John Henry Newman Catholic School has invested in GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,700 schools worldwide. Year 10 students were introduced to the platform in a recent assembly and should now be able to use it to consolidate learning and revise for any upcoming key pieces. A short homework will be posted on Classcharts each week to encourage its use as a regular revision aid.

As a subscriber, your child has access to GCSEPod's library of over 7000 '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 it is so easy to access! 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 they download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

As well as Pods, GCSEPod also has a host of Student Learning Activities which are designed to help students commit content to their long-term memory. Alongside this is the award-winning Check & Challenge tool which provides quizzes for your child to test their knowledge and to track their progress throughout the academic year. Check & Challenge provides scaffolded support through hints, multiple choice options and feedback statements which helps to consolidate learning and build students' confidence.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your son or daughter – check that they've successfully activated their account and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout their GCSE's. Once they've activated their account, they can browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information, a specially created Parent Toolkit with information on making the most of your child's subscription and links to their fantastic upcoming parent/carers webinars: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

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 the IT Office or Student Services.

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click “**Login**” in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Press “Sign In with Office 365” orange button (shown below)
- 3) Use your school email address and password.



We hope you agree that GCSEPod will play an exciting and important role in helping your child's understanding, success and confidence grow as they work towards their GCSE exams.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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