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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSEPOD – LEARNING AND REVISION SUPPORT

We are pleased to let you know that St John Henry Newman Catholic School has renewed its subscription to GCSEPod, an award-winning digital platform used by over 1,700 schools worldwide. Year 11 Pupils were introduced to the platform last year and have a short homework task on Arbor to encourage regular use.

GCSEPod provides access to over 7,000 short videos (“Pods”), each 3–5 minutes long, designed to help Pupils learn and revise effectively. All content is exam-board specific and organised into topics and playlists, making revision more focused and manageable.

Pupils can download Pods to any mobile device, meaning they can revise anytime, anywhere - like carrying a library of textbooks in their pocket. We recommend they install the GCSEPod app (available on Apple and Android).

Alongside the videos, GCSEPod includes interactive activities and the Check & Challenge quiz tool. This feature goes beyond simple multiple-choice questions: it provides tailored hints, guided feedback, and scaffolded support to help Pupils think critically about their answers. By engaging actively with the material - rather than just re-reading notes - Pupils strengthen their recall, deepen their understanding, and build the confidence to apply knowledge in exam conditions. Regular use of Check & Challenge encourages active learning, one of the most effective ways to secure long-term progress.

Please encourage your child to activate their account if they haven't already and to use the platform regularly. Parents can also find guidance and resources, including webinars, at: www.gcsepod.com/parents

Pupil login instructions:

- Go to www.gcsepod.com and click Login.
- Select Login as a Pupil.
- Choose Sign in with Office 365.
- Enter your school email (@newman.cumbria.sch.uk) and your usual network password.

If a pupil has forgotten their details, they should speak to the IT Office or Pupil Services.

We are confident GCSEPod will support your child's progress and success in their GCSEs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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