6th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Pod – Revision Tool Launch

I am writing to inform you about GCSE Pod and how it can support your child(ren) with revision preparation, ahead of the mock exam series and beyond.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 '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 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 you download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to help fill them. After completing any homework set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your child(ren) – 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 and resources.

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 their tutor who can reset this for them.

1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click **"Login"** in the top right-hand corner
2) Click **"New here? Get started."**
3) Select **"Student"**
4) Enter your child's **name, date of birth** and **the school name.**
5) Create a **username,** password, and a password hint to help them remember the password.

Also included with this letter is a leaflet on how to access the iOS ap as well as the Student Quick User Guide.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact your child's tutor or alternatively Miss Virgin (jmv@abbeyfield.wilts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Virgin
Assistant Headteacher – Teaching and Learning