

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a useful and informative experience at the recent Year 10 Parents' Evening.

Building on this, and as we have now passed the mid-year point of Year 10 and the students are well-established on their GCSE courses, we would like to provide additional tools to help support your child throughout their studies. One of the ways we can do this is by using GCSEPod.

Because Priestnall subscribes to GCSEPod, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,500 '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. Our current Year 11 students have already streamed and downloaded Over 5000 pods since September!

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 you 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 GCSEs. 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.

To guide you through the ways to support your child we have put together the Toolkit attached, that covers a range of topics including how to log on (this uses the same details as their school email account) tips of successful revision strategies, how to monitor their usage and guides to some of the Key features such as designing Playlists and using Check and Challenge. The GCSEPod website also has a range of parent/carer webinars: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/> which will also give useful tips and advice.

Additionally, there is a pack of "Learning Activities" which can be used alongside watching the Pods so that pupils interact with the materials in a way that actively supports their learning and retention, not just passive 'watching the Pod'.

There will be many homework tasks and assessments during Years 10 and 11 and we firmly believe that GCSEpod can play a vital role in supporting your child's learning and preparation for these.

We hope you will find this information useful.

Mr Williams

Mr Clarey

Digital Learning

Deputy Headteacher

PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION

This useful guide lets you know exactly how and when your child should be revising.



EXAM SUCCESS



gcsepod
education on demand



The highest achieving students each watched on average

102 PODS

so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results.

Principal

73%

of videos are watched out of school



It's the best thing you can have to revise and make sure you are ready for the exam.

Student

WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK

During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day



I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact.

Parent



Our top users exceeded their target grades in many areas.

Principal



20 MINUTES

Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results.



GCSEPod played an important role in helping me achieve A*. I would definitely recommend it.

Student



CREATE A PLAYLIST

Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning.

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D

Deep Thinking

R

Role Modelling

I

Impactful

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Challenge

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Engagement