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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It goes without saying that this is a vital year for our year 11 learners. With their WJEC GCSE Maths Numeracy exams fast approaching (in early November) and their PPE Numeracy exam scheduled for 25th September I am writing to remind you that as a school we have invested in GCSEPod, an award-winning digital content and revision provider.

Your child 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.

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. To access this feature, you need to download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported).

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 not just in preparation for their numeracy exams but throughout their Year 11 studies. 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/carer 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 a member of staff.

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click “**Login**” in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click “**New to GCSEPod? 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.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact **Mrs Emma Aston** who is leading on GCSEPod (astone@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Aston