



March 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

As you will be aware, the external examination period will soon be upon us and our Year 10 students will be involved in a number of exams which are crucial components of their core GCSEs. It is of utmost importance that students maintain a good level of attendance and are well organised and prepared for these units and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

Students have been issued with their statement of entry document for examinations and it is their responsibility to check this for the correct tier of entry and raise any issues by contacting their relevant subject teacher in the first instance

Students will be sitting externally assessed Welsh GCSE Oral Examinations on 25th- 27th March. The next few weeks will be being used as preparation time for these, and students will be able to seek advice from their Welsh teachers to ensure they are best prepared for this.

An English Literature examination (Unit One: Of Mice and Men/ To Kill A Mockingbird and Unseen Poetry) will be held on Monday 12th May.

Science GCSE Units for both Double and Triple Award students will be held on: Monday 9th June (Biology), Friday 13th June (Chemistry) and Monday 16th June (Physics)

A personalised examination timetable will be sent to students by Friday 4th April.

As parents, we are aware that you will be keen to support your child during this crucial period of their education. Please see the information provided by Mr Potter during the Year 10 Parental Engagement Evening, which contains many useful resources to enable you to best support your child at this time.

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

A structured revision plan, including addressing subjects little and often, coupled with healthy sleeping and eating habits will promote success for your child over the next few months. Please also see a link to the school website where an overview of assessments can be found for Year 10: [Whitchurch High School Yr 10 and 11 Assessment Information](#)

We would also like to remind you about GCSEPod, an online resource that the school subscribes to. Students and parents regularly feedback that this is an invaluable support to them in their revision so please encourage your child to sign up and take a look at what it can offer them. If your child has already activated their account 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.

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

Results for these externally examined units will be emailed to Year 10 students on GCSE results day, which this year is Thursday 21st August.

Please also be aware that the school should be a first port of call for all parents if there is anything you are unsure of or feel you or your child need support with at this time. Please get in contact with Mr Potter, Ms Hollings, or myself if there are any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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